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Cardinal had been given guarantees of innocence

Church condemns bishop's betrayal

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent, and Richard Owen in rome

THE scandal of the runaway bishop, Roderick Wright, deepened last night as church leaders condemned his betrayal and demanded that he come forward and confess.

Cardinal Thomas Winning. head of Scotland's Roman Catholics, said that he felt doubly abandoned by the disclosure that Mr Wright - who is thought to be in hiding with a divorced mother of three had a 15-year-old son by another woman.

He is particularly enraged because he confronted Mr Wright about rumours of an affair three years ago and was given "cast-iron guarantees" of his innocence.

Cardinal Winning said: "I weep for the mother and child and the way they have been treated, but I have been so duped by events of the last few days that I don't know what to believe any more. I feel as betrayed as anybody in all this and I know what people are feeling because I am feeling exactly the same."

Mr Wright resigned as Bishop of Argyll and the Isles last weekend, having been missing for almost a w is believed to be with Kathleen Macphee, but yesterday Joanne Whibley, the mother of his son Kevin, said that she had been expecting him to set up home with her in Sussex.

Miss Whibley, who had re-fused to believe that he was with Mrs Macphee, said: "I still love him."

The Church, however, is "intensely angered and ash-amed" by the behaviour of the man who is now referred to coldly as "Mr Wright". Its spokesman, Father Tom

Hotline plea

The mother of Rodney Wright's 15-year-old son yes-terday called on the Roman Catholic Church to establish a hotline to help families in her position. Joanne Whibley was sure the Church would "want to take care"...Page 3

Connelly, said that the former bishop was behaving like "the second Lord Lucan", adding: "We have been duped by a tissue of lies."

Rome also broke its silence on the affair yesterday, describing the disclosure about Mr Wright's son as a terrible blow to the Church. The Vatican had previously constatement announcing that the Pope had accepted the bishop's resignation. But yesterday Archbishop John Foley. head of the Vatican's public communications office, said:

"An individual at the highest level of responsibility has to-tally betrayed his trust."

The Most Rev Keith O'Brien. Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh, feared that yet more scandal might emerge. "When one opens a can of worms, one just doesn't realise what's at the bottom of it," he said. "This Roddy Wright has had a weakness with regard to sexuality and there's always the possibility of other revelations."

Cardinal Winning meanwhile demanded that the former bishop come forward and explain why he accepted his post, knowing what lay in his past. He said he could not understand how Mr Wright had survived the "very, very strict" scrutiny process undertaken at the time of his appointment.

The cardinal also described how he had confronted Mr Wright over allegations that he was involved with a woman three years ago: "We went to see him and had a long discussion about it. We put it to him what had been told to us of his involvement. We and a guarantee not only was scurrilous."

Faced with that denial, there was little the Church could do, the cardinal said. But he added: "You don't forget these things, all the same. You live in fear of a nightmare, perhaps, but that seemed to recede because we had these

guarantees. Unfortunately, the nightmare is on us now. While the Vatican conceded that the Wright disclosures were a serious blow, Archbishop Foley said yesterday that it did not affect the integrity of the priesthood and insisted that the rule demanding priestly celibacy was not open to question.

Priests' training gave them adequate time to think of the consequences of the lifetime commitment they were making, he said: "Most candidates prepare for five to ten years. which is a lot longer than most people who get engaged or married." He did, however, accept that the Catholic clergy were under tremendous stress on a variety of social and sexual matters and thought that more could be done to prepare priests for maintaining a celibate life.
Dr Joaquin Navarro-Valls,
the chief Vatican spokesman

who is in France with the views on celibacy were firm and unchanging. It was not a personal doctrine of the Pope, but a doctrine of the whole Church, so only the whole Church could change it.



Adrianna Alsworth with her daughters Catherine, three, and Francesca, eight months. She says their father is Dermot O'Gorman, a Catholic priest. Page 3

Police to clamp down on

Woman, 73, found dead after rape

A WOMAN aged 73 who was raped while out for a stroll yesterday was found dead soon after she left hospital. Lincolnshire police said that the woman's body was found by her daughter at her home in Tetney, near Grimsby, after she had been re-

eased from hospital. Her attacker was the target of a manhunt last night: she had been able to describe him after the rape. The police said the incident was not being treated as murder at this stage because the cause of death had yet to be established.

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Bulgaria 'tried to kill its UN envoy'

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

BULGARIA'S Ambassador to the United Nations has publicly denounced his country's Socialist-led Government and denounced his country's suggested that it might have tried to kill him.

Slavi Pashovsky, an anti-Communist appointed by President Zhelev, said pro-Communist ministers elected in January 1995 were trying to sideline him in violation of the country's constitution. The Ambassador's outburst

was triggered by the Government's decision not to include him on its list of official delegates for the current session of the UN General Assembly. But he complained about a possible assassination attempt and drew a parallel with the 1978 murder of the Bulgarian dissident Georgi Markov, killed by a poisontipped umbrella on London's Waterloo Bridge.

"Let us ... put an end to the infamy of the Bulgarian umbrella once and for all." Mr Pashovsky wrote in an open letter to Zhan Videnov, the Minister, Georgi

Pirinsky, Foreign Minister, and another minister. At a press conference, Mr

Pashovsky recounted how, when Bulgaria's anti-Communist President refused to bow to pressure to remove him from his post, somebody tampered with his car by cutting the connectors to his steering

"We have a long history of political violence." he said. "We have to stop this." He complained that his

Government had sent him a "cook" who, despite a sizeable salary that would support a whole village in Bulgaria, did not cook, calling the arrangment "very strange"

He also reported a suspect-ed assassination attempt against another anti-Communist who was serving as Bulgaria's Ambassador in Al-

The Foreign Ministry in Sofia, which is controlled by the Socialist-led Government. said Mr Pashovsky's allega-tions were "worthy of pity"

and called on him to resign.

Horse kicks Carson in the stomach

WILLIE CARSON was seriously injured when a filly kicked him in the stomach at Newbury. The jockey, who suffered deep lacerations to the liver, spent last night in intensive care at North Hampshire Hospital Basingstoke.

The incident happened in the paddock as the jockey unraced horse, which whipped round and lashed out at him. Carson, 53, fell and lay motionless as paramedics reached him .. Page 45



links with Freemasons By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

ALL police officers will be asked to declare whether they are Freemasons under tough new plans being prepared by chief constables to curb the organisation's links with

Any officer who reveals he is Freemason or a member of any other semi-secret organisation would have the details enterd on a force register of interests. The declarations will be voluntary but if an officer stays silent and later faces allegations involving Freemasonry, his silence would count

against him. Chief constables are also planning to issue stronglyworded guidance to all officers on their membership of or their intention to join a masonic lodge. The guidance will make it clear that officers must avoid membership of any group which might lead to questions over their impartiality.

Officials from the association have also held talks with the Freemason's Grand Lodge and been given an assurance that they would be given help in discovering if an officer under investigation was a

mason. The guidance and the instructions on the register of interests will be carefully phrased and will not only cover the Freemasons but include other secretive

The plans will go before a national council of all 43 chief constables in England and Wales next month and will then be put to staff associations. Sources at the Association of Chief Police Officers (Acpo) believe the junior ranks, led by the Police Federation, will accept the policy. However, three years ago the federation's annual conference rejected a motion calling for officers to declare their membership.

Many senior officers believe that the influence of the Freemasons is declining. Only a handful of chief constables are said to be members and no

senior official within Acpo is a member nor any officer at the top level of Scotland Yard, But there are still strong links among lower ranks.

A separate lodge formed by Scotland Yard officers in the 1980s when Sir Kenneth Newman, the then Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, was urging his force to be careful about joining the Freemasons.

One chief constable said yesterday: "It is important that the fact an officer is a mason should be seen before any allegations are made. Our point is if you are a member of an organisation which is above board, nothing is lost by

declaring it. Last night Michael Hyams, grand secretary of the United rand Lodge of England, said he did not think Freemasons should be singled out. They are not, he said, a secret society. He said membership was part of private life and even police officers were entitled to a private life.

Luvvie is a term of abuse, say the stage folk

By Dalya Alberge ARTS CORRESPONDENT

ONE of Britain's leading directors. Trevor Nunn. has declared war on the word "luvvie". It is, he said, "as appalling and abhorrent as any racist

"It's a word that's had a deadly impact," he told Vogue. "I think it's a word as disgusting as the word 'yid' or 'nigger'. It categorises everyone of a particular grouping as the same, and not only categorises them, but patronises them and puts them down. It's a word that says you are hysteri-cal, trivial, under-educated, self-indulgent, absolutely regardless of your background, education, lifestyle or manner."

Sir Peter Hall, the artistic director of The Old Vic, agreed. "It's a word invented by philistines who don't know how bard-working, professional and supportive of each other actors have to be."

The word was coined in 1991 by Ian Hislop, editor of *Private Eye*, who was inspired by his friend John Sessions's use of it. Stars of column have included Kate Winslet, who played Marianne in *Sense and* Sensibility and gushingly described how she first met Emma Thompson: "She opened the door and said, 'Hi, you must be Kate. I'm Emma, I've just got to go for a wee. I'll see you in a minute'

and I thought, 'I love her'." Mr Hislop said: "How can they equate the use of luvvies with racist abuse? What an utterly fatuous remark. Trevor Nunn and others are obviously desperate to prove that luvvies are as ridiculous as we

think they are.

"Luvvies at their worst seem to imagine that their lives are more scarey and more complex than ordinary life can ever hope to be. It's the vocabulary that they use about danger which rather overvalues what they do and under-values what most people do - people such as social workers, psychiatric-help-ers or UN peacekeepers, who could be described as

having dangerous jobs."
The actor Nigel Hawthorne said the word was used by people who aren't in-the-know. Actors loathe it. It's the same as queer or gay applied to homosexuals. People don't like to be categorised."

Lord Attenborough said: I agree with Trevor." But, he added: "I have never called anyone 'luvvie'. 'Darling' maybe."

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Labour to scrap child benefit from 16 minutes

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour leadership last night braced itself for a backlash from party activists after it pressed ahead with plans to scrap child benefit for 16 to 18-year-olds.

Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, announced that the weekly benefit would be replaced under a Labour government by a meanstested education allowance paid only to low and middle-income families. High-earning families would be prevented from claiming, but Labour will not announce the earnings threshold until after the November

The new allowance, to be paid to parents of those between 16 and 18 on daughter of a millionaire who sends

school or college courses, would be topped up by an extra payment for families in greatest need.

Although Mr Brown said that the millionaire family of an Etonian sixth-former" would receive no allowance he would not say how many others would lose existing benefits. He would not confirm reports that those entitled to the extra payment could receive more than double the £10.80 currently paid for the first child. Precise figures could not be assessed until after the November Budget, but Mr Brown promised full details before the party published its general election manifesto.

I cannot justify a situation where. if I represent the hard-working taxpayers of this country, the son or

private school can claim child benefit when half the mothers of teenagers do not receive it."

Opponents of the scheme said yesterday that if the earnings threshold was set too high, it would not provide enough new money to redistribute among the poorest families. Labour leaders recognise, however, that setting too low a threshold could alienate many middle-income families fearing they will lose their

The changes, which have prompted divisions among shadow Cabinet members, has attracted dozens of critical motions for debate at the party's annual conference at the end of the month. Activists are alarmed that the decision to scrap post-16

child benefit may herald further changes to payments for younger

Lynne Jones, left-wing Labour MP for Birmingham, Sellyoak, said: "There will be a fairly vigorous debate and I would not like to predict the outcome." The moves also came under attack from welfare campaign groups, who said the redistribution would create confusion and greater bureaucracy.

Mr Brown said that the £600 million saved on child benefit, together with £400 million saved from the abolition of Youth Training schemes, would "revolutionise post-16 education". The Shadow Chancellor has fought off opposition, particularly from Chris Smith, the former social security spokesman. Colleagues

said the changes would be derided by Tories as a "tax on teenagers".

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, seized on the moves as proof that Labour was still a tax and spend party. "New Labour's plans to end child benefit for children staying in school would mean a new teenage tax, a new means-test and a penalty on further education," he said in a statement, "If Labour refuses to recognise the cost to families of children in school after 16, they have no logical reason to recognise the cost to families of children in school under 16.

Child benefit, at £10.80 for the first child and £8.80 for other children, is paid to mothers of all children under 16 but only to mothers of 16 to 18-yearolds in education.

> Suicide farmer hit by BSE losses

> > By A Staff Reporter

A FARMER whose cattle business was hit by the BSE alert killed himself on his way home from market. Brian Elgar, 56, bought 20 cattle a week from markets across the South of England for later

As a result of the BSE crisis he had seen the price they would fetch drop from up to £700 each to less than £400, an inquest at Guildford, Surrey. was told yesterday. He was found, with a plastic bag over his head, in his car at Hydon Ball National Trust car park Hascombe. near Godalming, Surrey, on August 7. Mr Elgar was last seen

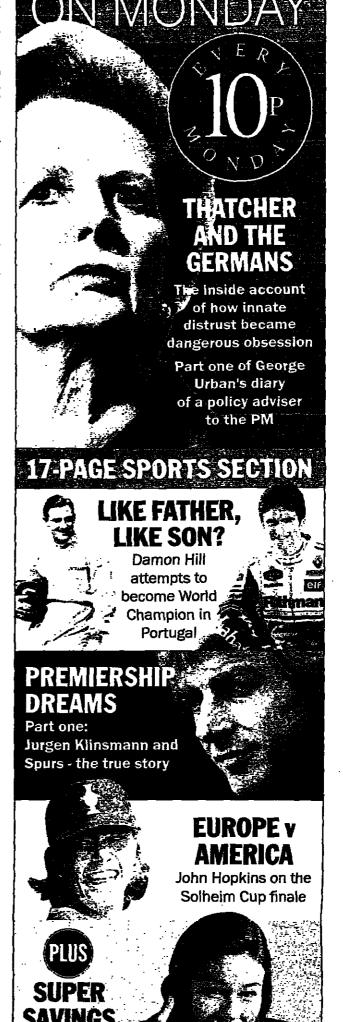
alive the previous afternoon leaving Ashford Cattle Market. Mr Elgar's brother, Ronald. 55, told Michael Burgess, the Surrey Coroner, that they ran Barville Farm at Waldershare, near Dover, as a partnership.

His brother was in charge of the cattle interests. Ronald Elgar said that his brother was dedicated to attending cattle markets and regularly spent four or five days a week away from the farm doing business. He said: "It was a worry for us, we had lost a lot of money in the last few years. BSE was one problem but there was also the fact that he was addicted to buying

"He would buy irrespective of whether we could make any money or not. Since his death I have calculated our average eight months and it has worked out at a £75 loss per head." He added: "My brother's sole interest in life was going to markets and buying

and selling canle." In April another farmer. John Capp. 58, killed himself in Beckingham, Lincolnshire, after falling into a deep

depression. In May. Bill Rodney, 49. from Healey, Yorkshire, killed himself with a shotgun and last month Robert Cowburn. 40, from near St Austell, Cornwall, killed himself



Brussels rules out end to ban on UK beef

By Andrew Pierce and Charles Bremner

THE European Union's ban on the export of British beef will not be lifted for the foreseeable future, Franz Fischler, the EU Farm Commissioner, said yesterday.

"As long as they do not meet the pre-conditions, then an end to the export ban is simply not a possibility," said Herr Fischler, His statement reflected the scorn and indifference in Europe that has greeted the British decision to opt for a lesser cattle cull than that agreed at the Florence summit in June after it was suggested that "mad cow disease" could be linked to the human brain disease CJD.

The Brussels Commission gave warning that British hopes of winning an early exemption from the ban for certain herds in Northern Ireland and elsewhere would come to nothing until the original selective slaughter was started.

John Major appealed in vain yesterday for an end to the "hysteria" in Europe surrounding BSE, and a return to rational debate over the lifting of the export ban. Douglas

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Hogg, the Agriculture Secretary, admitted that the prospect of a Tory revolt had been a decisive factor in the decision to suspend the cull.

Germany, the EU state which has taken the toughest line against Britain throughout the BSE crisis, led a wave of condemnation for what officials depicted as the Cabinet's "incomprehensible" decision to renege on the undertaking, made last June in Florence, to start a selective slaughter. A unilateral change by the British government is not acceptable," said Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister. "The main priority is the health of the consumer. The ban on importing British cantle, beef and other products will remain in force." he said.

The German farmers' association said it was "outraged" by the British decision. "We call on the government and all other member states to exclude Britain from the European beef market until it fulfils its commitments to the European Union."

Philippe Vasseur, the The move will considerably

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French Farm Minister, took a similar tone, saying: "The unilateral decision can only be met with perplexity by other European countries."

Ireland, which, as current EU president, speaks for the Council of Farm Ministers, noted that British behaviour would have no impact on Europe since the beef ban would simply stay in place. The British move was "a matter of indifference" to many member states, he said. The biggest losers will be British - and in particular Northern Irish - farmers.

widen the gulf of understanding about tackling the BSE problem." Mr Yates, who has been acting as a mediator between Britain and the Continent in the beef battle, has been telling Mr Hogg that many EU states would be only too happy for an excuse to let the ban continue indefinitely.

The Commission tried to keep doors open, noting that EU scientists were still reviewing the latest British data. produced by experts at Oxford University, and could recommend a rise or reduction in the slaughter, which was due to target 147,000 cattle. Sir Leon

commissioner, persuaded his colleagues on the Commission to have the latest science reviewed by the experts before dismissing Mr Major's latest approach to BSE. The Commission remained open to discussing the possibility of easing the ban for

animals from certified herds, possibly on a regional basis, but only if the terms of the Florence agreement are respected," said Gerry Kiely, spokesman for Herr Fischler. This approach carried the potential for conflict between Northern Ireland and Scotland and the rest of the United Kingdom. The Government indicated earlier this week that it was reversing its earlier a regional basis and could apply to the Commission for specified BSE-herds there to

be exempted. The latest conflict over Brit-ain's handling of its BSE crisis has further soured the atmosphere ahead of an EU summit in Dublin on October 5. Some French commentators yesterday suggested Mr Ma-jor was deliberately seeking a new beef confrontation with Europe to distract attention from his likely isolation at the Dublin summit on the issue of European reform. The summis just before the Tory party conference.

EVERY MONDAY: MATTHEW PARRIS, because he could not get a good price for his cattle. COLUMNIST OF THE YEAR Teacher training college criticised by inspectors

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

THE first college to be the subject of an inspectors' report since the Government launched its shake-up of teacher training came in for severe criticism yesterday, which could lead to the withdrawal of its accreditation. Inspectors found courses in

English and mathematics for primary school teachers to be unsatisfactory at La Sainte Union College in Southamp-ton. Their report also criticised the standard of training in assessment and reporting, and found "serious weakness-

es" in quality assurance. The college threatened to sue The Sunday Times when the newspaper reported the findings of the first inspectors' visit almost a year ago. But the final verdict from the Office for Standards in Education

was equally damning. Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, said the report demonstrated many of the shortcomings which led to the Government's decision to introduce a national curriculum for teacher training. "The serious weaknesses, particularly in English and mathematics, at this college are the sort which undermine confi-

teachers." Inspectors said students were not prepared sufficiently well to teach national curriculum English. "Although most students planned for the short term and managed classes successfully, they did not have a clear understanding of how to teach reading or writing." In mathematics, students

were said to lack adequate

dence in the training of new

knowledge for all age groups in primary schools.

Dr Arnand Chitmis, the Principal, said the inspection only covered courses followed by 200 of the 2,000 students, All the weaknesses in the report had now been addressed. Dr Chitnis said surveys of head teachers showed high levels of satisfaction with

the college's graduates.

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The report will trigger a second inspection next year. The college will join five others where the Teacher Training Agency will withdraw accreditation unless standards im-The others are: Charlotte Mason College, in Ambleside, Cumbria: South Bank University, in London; West Hill College, Birmingham: and Sussex

Mayor loses fight for privileges

donderry lost a High Court action yesterday to regain the trappings of office. Richard Dallas was stripped of his privileges after taking part in the loyalist blockade of the Craigavon Bridge in the city at the time of the Drumcree standoff in July.

The nationalist-controlled Derry City Council took away his right to represent the city at civic functions and also stripped him of his official car and secretary. Mr Justice Kerr dismissed his application for judicial review yesterday in the High Court in Belfast. He said the council was entitled to regulate the civic duties to be performed by the Mayor.

Mr Dallas said he had been acting in a personal capacity as a member of the Orange Order 1, and not as Mayor or

Prisoners to pay for board and lodgings By Richard Ford return for the higher wages, which could HOME CORRESPONDENT be £50 a week compared to the usual £7,

PRISONERS are to be made to pay towards their bed and breakfast under new plans intended to introduce more realistic wage schemes for inmates. The money will be deducted from convicts who are receiving increased wages for orison work.

Richard Tilt, director general of the prison service, said that scheme was intended to encourage prisoners to work harder and increase productivity. In

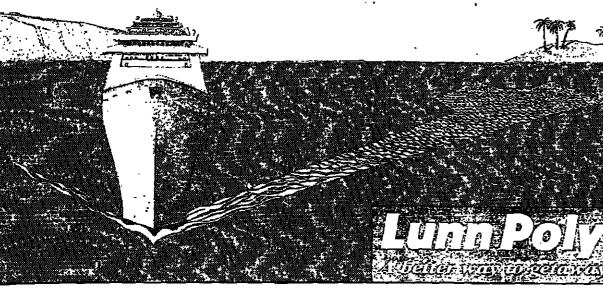
they would contribute towards the £425 a week it costs to hold a prisoner in jail. Inmates would also pay towards the upkeep of their families and pay cash to victim support and crime prevention schemes. The figure to be deducted for board and lodging has not been set yet, a

A pilot scheme paying higher wages to 1,300 prisoners in 18 jails has been self financing. Mr Tilt told a conference at Salford University yesterday. Among the

Prison Service spokesman said,

jails involved are Full Sutton. Whitemoor and Wakefield top security prisons. Albany on the Isle of Wight, Little Hey near Huntingdon, Ford open jail and Styal women's prison.

The scheme had proved that offering higher wages and more interesting work had encouraged prisoners to work harder. Mr Tilt said. Productivity had trebled in jails where the "enhanced wages" project was under way. "Hopefully, it will lead to a fundamental change in prisoners' work rate and their attitude to work in prison," he said.



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Father had spent hours on telephone preparing to set up home with his secret family

Mother of bishop's son still loves her 'decent man'

By Lin Jenkins

THE woman who kept a 15year secret that a Roman Catholic bishop was the father of her son said yesterday that she still loved him. Joanne Whibley, 48, was in tears as she told how she had been expecting Roderick Wright, the former Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, to join her and their son Kevin at their home in Polegate, East Sussex.

Until his resignation was announced by the Roman Catholic Church on Monday she had believed Mr Wright was abandoning the church for a family life with her at last. They had spent up to 45 minutes a day on the telephone planning how he was to say his goodbyes, break his ties and join them.

"He is an honest, decent, genuine man and I still love him." she said. "But he compartmentalises things in his head. One day he would be loving, caring, and the next day deny his son."

Speaking through a friend, Miss Whibley said she and Mr Wright had spoken on the telephone daily until the weekend, even during the time that he was said to be "missing" in Scotland. "He was still ringing



Mrs Whibley speaking on television yesterday

up and spoke to me and Kevin. He told us he was going to put his affairs in order, going to resign and come down and

"He said to Kevin he was saying goodbye to everybody he needed to say goodbye to and would come down by today. Now Kevin has said he has had enough time and he is obviously not coming."

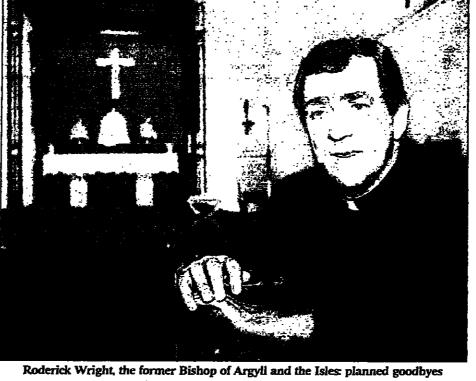
She said that the disgraced bishop never once mentioned a relationship with another woman. When press reports linked his name with Mrs MacPhee she thought it was "filth, a media lie", and possible a ploy by the press to

to the church statement about the resignation she had expect-ed to hear her own name. When she did not she spent the night awake thinking before deciding to contact the

Mr Wright has not rung her since resigning. "I have not heard from him and I do not expect to. I just don't think he going to. He could, if he wanted to, stay in a monastery for the rest of his life."

Miss Whibley, who does part-time social work and claims benefit, told her son when he was three who his father was. She never told even her closest friends, but Kevin increasingly told his schoolfriends, finding it hard to live with the secret and the feeling that he should not

Miss Whibley feels that the Catholic church should devise some system to help the lovers and children of priests. Before the scandal broke she had discussed with Mr Wright the possibility of setting up a centre for children to meet estranged parents on mutual ground. Now she sees the need for a helpline dedicated to those in a similar position to herself. "The Catholic church



Catholic School Bexhill, where

Tony Campbell, the head-

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vesterday with regard to the

family circumstances of Kevin

Whibley. Kevin is a popular,

intelligent and most kind

young man who contributes

fully to the life of the school.

Kevin and his mother can be

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should be pro-active and set up its own telephone line for women who have children by priests to telephone them and tell them their details and the church, I am sure, will want to

take care."
She added that behind the clinical debate about celibacy prompted by the bishop's resignation were the more profound and prosaic matters of people's lives. To me it seems like it is all a bit academic as this is about human pain and suffering. That is what should be talked about," she said.

Miss Whibley has declined offers from newspapers to sell her story. Her letterbox is boarded up with cardboard sured, they will have the continued support of the and the doorbell goes unanswered. Her son is staying school." with friends but yesterday The Catholic Church yesterattended St Richard's Roman

day offered support and guid-ance to Miss Whibley. Father Martin Thompson of Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne, master, said: "The school and community are saddened by said he had come to see her on the order of Bishop Cormack Murphy O'Connor, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, to offer support. He said: "Any parishioner who was in trouble, it would be my desire to go and help them and talk to them and offer them any comfort or

History proves ideal of celibacy is unachievable

BY RUTH GLEDHILL AND RICHARD OWEN

THE Roderick Wright affair scandals that have rocked the Roman Catholic church. In Switzerland, a popular newly-elected Bishop, Hansjörg Vogel, resigned in June after making his girlfriend

pregnant.

Bishop Vogel explained in a letter to his diocese that he had sought support from a woman to cope with the "greater mental stress" of being made a bishop. "This relationship led to a pregnancy." he wrote, concluding that "the credible exercise of my ministry was no longer

In his letter he addressed the issue of priestly celibacy, arguing that "fresh doubt will arise as to whether priests can really maintain their decision to be celibate".

Four years ago the Bishop Galway, Eamon Casey, disappeared when news broke that he had a teenage son. But the disclosures caused a scandal from which the church in Ireland has yet

Earlier this year, a Scots-born Catholic priest confessed to fathering a child while working as a missionary in Africa. Fr John McCaulay was sent to the Mill Hill Merseyside, for "counselling

and spiritual help". In 1992 Monika Kocanek disclosed that her daughter was fathered by the Rev Christopher O'Neill, a Catholic priest

Numerous Popes have fathered children. In the fifth century, when the celibacy rule was still taking shape, Felix III had two children. In the sixth century St Hormisdas was married before ordination and his son

Silverius also became Pope. Even in the Middle Ages, when the celibacy rule was formally imposed. Popes had wives and children. Clement IV (i265-68) was married with two daughters, and Innocent VIII (1481-1492) had several illegitmate children, as did Pius II (1458-1464).

The most sexually active Pontiff was the Borgia Pope Alexander VI (1492-1503) who led what was described at the time as an "openly licentious life". He had four children by his aristocratic Roman mis tress, Vannozza Catanei, as well as children by other

Subsequently Julius !! had three daughters and Pius IV (1559-65) had three illegitimate children. Gregory XIII (1572-85) had "a natural son", whom he made Governor of the fortress of Castel Sant' Angelo

Widow tells of shame of affair with her priest

By RUTH GLEDHILL AND KATHRYN KNIGHT

A MOTHER told last night very sad if he couldn't continhow her relationship with a Roman Catholic priest resulted in two children. Adrianna Alsworth said that he would not leave the church for her and his family was "a source.

Her two daughters, Catherine. 3. and Francesca, eight five-year affair she had with Fr Dermot O'Gorman, whom she met at St Augustine's church in Daventry, North-amptonshire. Mrs Alsworth became involved with Fr Dermot after her husband Stephen was killed in a car crash. She is still in regular contact with the priest.

-When I was expecting Catherine he was extremely concerned obviously because he wanted to continue in the



Father O'Gorman:

ue." Mrs Alsworth said.

Originally the couple decided to keep Catherine's identity a secret. "It was very secret, we felt that it was best that way. It is something I still find very

As with Kevin Whibley, the father's name was not regised on the birth certificate Ms Alsworth, still a practising Roman Catholic, said her lover left after Catherine's birth to work as a priest

"After the first year they [the parishioners] discovered he was the father of Catherine and it was very traumatic for him and for me that we had this little daughter," she said.

While her lover had enjoyed having a family, she said there had been no question of his leaving the ministry and mar-rying her. "He wanted to continue his ministry, he wanted to be a priest. I would be an embarrassment. It is appalling as I face up to the reality. Obviously I have to now, but it becomes harder and harder."

She said members of the parish clergy had been "very supportive" when they found out about her two daughters. but that other women may not have been so fortunate. "I have heard of other cases and some of them are very tragic. Women have the bur-

den of looking after the

urged for lovers of clergy

JOANNE WHIBLEY called yesterday for the Roman Catholic Church to set up a telephone line to help women who have had children by priests. Speaking to BBC tele

vision news, she said she was sure that the Church want to take care Roderick Wright apologised, when he resigned as the family of Kathleen MacPhee, with whom he has been linked, but made no mention of her or their the hope that it might help

When she had heard that Mr Wright had run off because of another woman she thought that the reports referred to her. She was shocked to discover that she was not the other woman, as Mr Wright had never mentioned anyone else to her.

He had telephoned Kevin and his mother two weeks ago, telling them that the pressure had become too much and that he was planning to resign and come and live

Hotline

By A Staff Reporter

Miss Whibley originally approached the BBC to "unburden" herself after a bishop, to his family and 15-year-old son, Kevin. She said that she had decided to make her story public in

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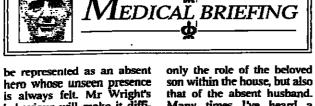
Burdened teenager may suffer for sins of father

KEVIN WHIBLEY, the son of Roderick Wright, is at a testing time in his life when he is going through the turmoil of adolescence without the support of his father. Research published last year confirmed the traditional teaching that children brought up in single-parent families are more likely to have problems which can, in some cases, lead to disaster in

aduit life. Kevin Whibley has the additional hurden of having a father who will now certainly have made him the subject of ribald and critical comment, remarks ranging from the tactless jokes to the deliberately offensive. Children like to be proud of their parents, but they like them to be low profile. Parents they find embarrassing enough even when

they are perfectly standard. law-abiding citizens. To come to terms with having a father. however charming, who was a philandering Catholic bishop with a multiplicity of

mistresses and who has failed to pay the maintenance expected by the State will be a particularly difficult burden. When a father has died.



behaviour will make it difficult for his friends, neighbours and family to fit him into this sometimes mythical image. Kevin looks the sort of boy who may have a character which will rise above these problems and he can be reassured that, statistically, he will indeed probably grow into a reasonably well balanced citizen. But statistics also show that he will have a greater chance than others of developing anti-social characteristics.

Without a suitable role model it will be harder for Kevin to establish good future relationships as a lover, hus-band and father.

Seldom discussed are the hazards of co-dependency which can develop when a single parent and child face the world together. Kevin has had to some extent to fulfil not

that of the absent husband. Many times I've heard a recently widowed parent say to a young child, "You are now the man (or woman) of the house." It is meant well but it deprives children of some of their youth so that in their childhood they have to behave in some ways like an adult; the pattern of normal development is skewed and sometimes altered beyond repair. When these children finally reach adult life they may have never completely matured and so may always be looking to repeat their childhood experiences, to the time when they were solely dependent on their single parent for their emotional support and their parent was entirely dependent on them.

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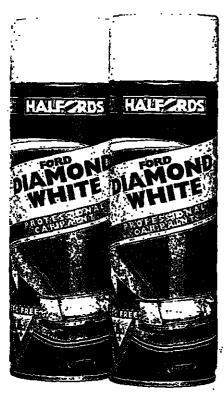
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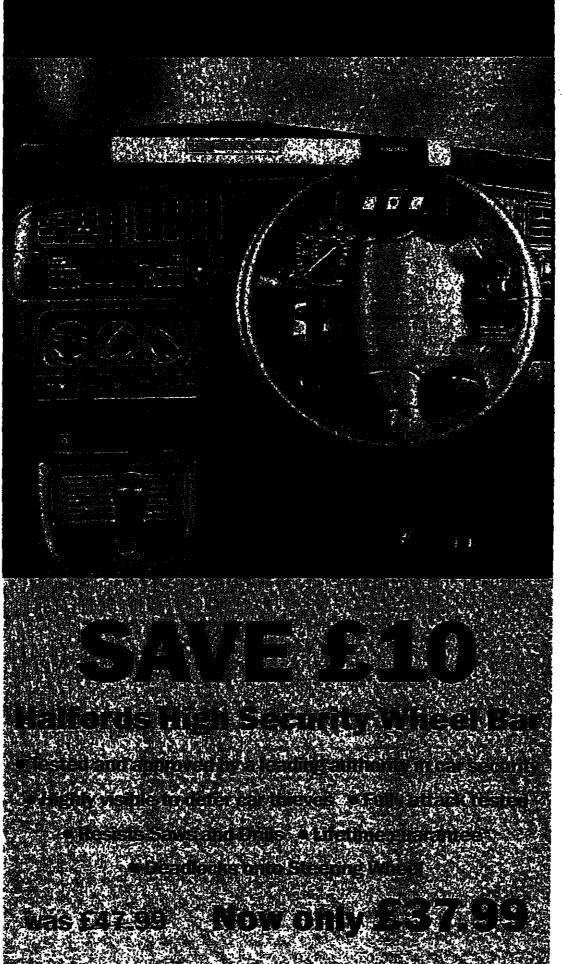
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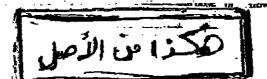
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Head teacher and deputy resign over death threats

By Ian Murray, community correspondent

THE head and deputy head of an inner-city school have resigned after being subjected to a campaign of abuse and lies from parents that culminated in death threats.

Elizabeth West, the head teacher, has asked for early retirement after 27 years in charge of Charlotte Sharman school at Southwark, south London. She told the governors that she was too frightened to go on. Her deputy, Pauline Milton, decided to leave with her at the end of this calendar year.

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The threats were reported to police in July and the school took them so seriously that it hired a security guard at the start of this term. He stops anyone entering the gate in the high wall round the playground and escorts the two teachers to the station when they go home.

Gena Kent, whose son Laurie, 4, has jut started at the school, said: "One of the parents threatened to murder Mrs West because of a dispute over what her child did in school. That was when the police were called. There does seem to be some connection with children who have special needs that is causing problems."

Eileen Hariri, whose son Stefan, 5, is a pupil at the school, said: "One woman had an argument with Mrs West and went for her with a milk and must be brought to an bottle. Another had an argument with Mrs West and said to her, 'I will be waiting for you outside'. They are the kind of women who don't like their children told off and Mrs West is strict."

Some parents of the 400 children at the infant and primary school have started a campaign to get the two teachers to change their mind. Children leaving the school yesterday queued to sign a petition asking the two teachers to stay. "If we was to loss (sic) Mrs West we would not just be lossing a fine headmistress, but part of the school," it

Most parents learnt of the trouble when they received a letter from Alf Bagnall, the chairman of the governors, inviting them to a meeting to discuss the resignations. It said: "These sad decisions are partly due to a small minority of parents who have carried out a continued unreasonable barrage of threats, abuse, intimidation, lies and slanderous allegations against Mrs West, preventing them [sic] from maintaining the pleasant ethos of the school."

Simon Hughes, the local Liberal Democrat MP. has started an inquiry to find out what lies behind the terror campaign. The level of threats is clearly unacceptable



A private security guard at the entrance to Charlotte Sharman junior school

BT blocks rival's computer phone list

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE planned launch of a German-made CD-Rom containing a "reverse search" version of all Britain's telephone directories was blocked by the High Court yesterday. BT, which is claiming breach of copyright, was granted a temporary injune tion banning the disc produc-ers, Mannheim-based Top-ware CD-Service, from im-porting or marketing the disc.

The German product, containing 16 million directory entries and costing £19.95, enables users to find out people's names and addresses by keying in their telephone numbers. It is already on sale on the Internet. BT's own CD. priced at £199, does not allow such reverse searching because it is against the industry's code of conduct and is seen as an invasion of sub-

scribers' privacy. Graham Shipley, counsel for BT, told Mrs Justice Arden that BT undoubtedly had copyright in its directories and database, and there was strong evidence that they had been copied.

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Jail for pair who abducted schoolboy

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

TWO youths who abducted a sixth-former from an affluent family and forced him to give them money were jailed at the

Old Bailey yesterday.

Jay McConnell, 17, and Emmanuel Francis, 20, had made Thomas Birkert, 18, hand over cash after abducting him last November. The Recorder, Oliver Sells, OC. described McConnell's attitude towards his prisoner as was under the influence of unteered to go with them drugs during his victim's ordeal, was jailed for four and a half years. Francis for three years. Both were convicted in July of false imprisonment,

robbery and blackmail. During the four days Mr Birkert was held, McConnell was said to have relished his suffering and reduced him to a "zombie-like state". The pair made Mr Birkert buy them expensive clothes, cigarettes and hottles of champagne. and ordered him to drive for dishonesty.

them to Portsmouth so McConnell could see a girlfriend. Mr Birkert was intimidated with an air rifle and iron, and battered round the head repeatedly. He was rescued after he was made to call his mother to ask her to bring more money to meet the youths' further demands, and

she alerted police. The defendants had denied the charges, claiming that Mr

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Southwark Council, which

is responsible for the school

until the end of the month,

said it had not been told

anything about the threats.

The first thing we knew was

when we read about it in the

local paper," Gordon Mott,

the council's education and

leisure director, said. "As far

as we can discover there was

only one occasion last March

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Acting head: Ben Kingsley, who won an Oscar for his role as Gandhi, with students at a new school of performing arts named after him at Pendleton College in his home town of Salford, Greater Manchester. He opened the school yesterday and led a workshop. Arts, pages 19, 21

Pilot describes horror as Tornados 'popped up' out of clouds

RAF jets almost struck airliner

By Harvey Elliott AIR CORRESPONDENT

AN INVESTIGATION has been launched into how three RAF Tornado fighter bombers climbed at high speed across the nose of a commuter aircraft carrying 17 passengers

and three crew. The Gill Air Shorts 330 turbo-prop had flown about 14 miles from Newcastle on the 40-minute flight to Manchester and was cruising at 7,000ft at a speed of about 200mph. The cloud cover over the Durham moors was solid up

Also in the area were three Tornados from RAF Lossiemouth in northern Scotland. carrying out a low-level exercise. While the Gill Air pilot had his radio tuned to the civil frequency, the Tornados were talking on the military network. As the flying conditions at low level became intolerable, the leader of the Torna-

A LABOUR council in south Yorkshire is advertising for gay and lesbian couples to be

Rotherham, social services

says in a newspaper recruit-

ment advertisement that it would "particularly welcome"

applications from them as they were under-represented

as carers. It is also seeking single people, those with dis-

abilities and those from the

The policy on homosexuals was immediately attacked by Angela Knight, the Conserva-tive MP whose Erewash con-

stituency borders Rotherham. The people that should be targeted are happily married

couples. They are the group likely to give children a stable and secure upbringing."
David Nuttall, a prominent Rotherham Conservative and former councillor, said: "It's a

loony left' idea. The ordinary person in the street grows up with Mummy and Daddy, not Mummy and Mummy or Daddy and Daddy." But Rotherham, where all

but one of the 66 councillors are Labour, stood by its policy, which it said was based on standards set by the Government for all local

A spokesman said: "The current campaign is designed to attract families to foster

caring from all sectors of the community ... We would wish to stress that a great deal

of care is taken in thoroughly

Pat Nolan, the head of Rotherham's social services,

said: "We are not particularly targeting homosexuals. We are just saying that they won't be excluded if they apply . . . It depends on the child. It is the

Government which gives us guidelines for anti-discrimi-

One social worker, who asked not to be identified, said: "Quite often these kids

are coming from horrendous conditions within a heterosex-

ual relationship. Sometimes

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For the pilot of the Gill Air aircraft there was a moment of "popped up" out of the clouds in front of him. He immediately filed a formal complaint.

Investigators from the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and the Ministry of Defence have impounded radar tapes and will be conducting detailed interviews to examine wheth-er the military controller had spotted the Shorts 330 and believed that the manoeuvre was perfectly safe; whether the RAF pilots saw the civilian airliner on their own radars; or whether the jets had inad-

vertently climbed into danger. The incident has highlighted the problem of integrating civil and military aircraft across Britain. The CAA is studying ways of making the two systems more compatible

do group asked his controllers and reducing the number of for permission to climb "aircraft proximity" reports through the clouds into clear involving civil and military

aircraft Two fighter pilots escaped unburt after their jets collided with "a glancing blow" in midair at a closing speed of about 900mph (Michael Evans writes). The pilot of a £17 million Royal Navy Sea Har-

F16 succeeded in landing safely after the collision, although both aircraft were damaged.

Yesterday Commander Richard Hawkins from the Royal Naval Air Station at Yeovilton in Somerset, where the aircraft carried out an emergency landing, described the dramatic moment when the planes "brushed" in midrier and the Dutch pilot of an air seven miles from Portland

He said that other aircraft in the area were able to carry out a visual inspection in the air. The Sea Harrier's nose come was damaged and the F16 had minor tail damage.

A spokeswoman for the Ministry of Defence said a board of inquiry had been set up to investigate the incident.

A pallet carrying 18 artillery shells crash-landed near a road on Salisbury Plain yesterday when a parachute failed to open. The 105mm shells were being dropped from a Hercules during an exercise codenamed Iron Cyclone. The shells did not go off but the road was closed while bomb disposal experts carried out a controlled explosion.

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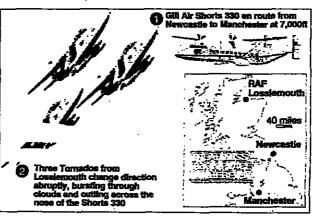
Bill during a training exercise. Commander Hawkins said:

"It could have been a disaster

but it was very well handled.

We got a mayday call from

both aircraft. The Sea Harrier pilot said it felt like an



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Macclesfield shocked by death of man who guided club through most successful era

Football chairman smoked last cigar then shot himself

By KATE ALDERSON

THE ambitious chairman of a leading semi-professional football club has killed himself after guiding the team through its most successful

Arthur Jones, 50, a businessman who had invested massive amounts of cash and energy into improving Macclestield Town Football Club's chances of attaining league status, was found lying next to a shotgun on Thursday morning. He is believed to have gone to his business offices in Macclesfield, Cheshire, where he smoked a last cigar before turning the gun on himself.

Mr Jones, who leaves a wife. Wendy, and a stepdaughter, Lynette, joined the club as a director in 1991 and became chairman three years ago. In May 1995 the team, nicknamed the Silkmen, became champions of the Vauxhall Conference, which qualified them to enter the Football League, but they were denied promotion because of prob-lems with their ground, Moss Rose. There was some controversy as the ground had previously been used for League matches by Chester



City while its new stadium was being built. It was described in The Non-League Football Grounds of Great Britain as "up to Football League standard". However, Mr Jones, the

managing director of Cros-land Metals (International). tasted success with the club this year when Macclesfield won the FA Umbro Trophy at

The chairman's death has shocked and bewildered his colleagues. Alan Cash, a fellow director at the club, spoke to Mr Jones 24 hours before his death. "He seemed fine and nothing seemed to be troubling him," he said. "He was a perfect gentleman but he kept a lot to himself, which may have been a problem.

Everyone was bitter at the failure to get into the league, especially Arthur, because he invested so much into the club with that aim. Now we could achieve this great ambition and sadly Arthur won't be there. He was the heart and soul of the Town."

Nicholas Winterton, Conservative MP for Macclesfield and a friend of Mr Jones for many years, described the chairman's death as a tragedy for his family, friends and the club. "It is such a pity that whatever was worrying him he couldn't share it with his friends," he said.

He was the dynamo behind the club and was so ambitious for it. We may learn eventually why he took this desperate step, but he loved the club, as does his wife Wendy, and we share the family's grief. "If there were problems

through his commitment to the club, I only wish that he could have shared them and been helped by his many friends. He had driven and carried the burden of the club himself and poured cash, time and energy into the place." Colin Garlick, the club's secretary, said that Mr Jones

Arthur Jones at the Moss Rose ground of the team he helped to take to the brink of league membership football world. "The club has had three fantastic years since he was chairman and the

team's manager |Sammy McIlroy, the former Manches-

ter United player] is totally distressed.

that a shotgun had been found at the scene and said that there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding Mr Jones's death.

A statement released by the Vauxhall Conference said that Mr Jones "guided the Moss Rose club through its most

successful era". It added that he oversaw the upgrading of the club's facilities and that the Arthur Jones era earned Macclesfield Town the status as the most-honoured team", measured in national trophies, outside the Football League, since the 1992-93 season. A coroner will investigate the circumstances surrounding Mr Jones's death and supporters will pay a silent tribute to their chairman at the club's home game against

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Jesus tomb authors threaten to sue BBC

By CAROL MIDGLEY

TWO authors who claim to have located the tomb of Jesus are threatening to sue the BBC for its "demolition job" on

their theory. Richard Andrews and Paul Schellenberger claim that they were unfairly treated in last week's Timewatch documentary which contradicted their "proof" that the grave is hidden beneath a mound of rock in the Languedoc, southwest France. The authors, who were paid a £300,000 advance for their book. The Tomb of God, said they were misled about the content of the programme and denied an opportunity to preview it as agreed.

The BBC2 programme, The History of the Mystery, shown on Tuesday, said that parchments used by the men to prove their theory were false. Mr Andrews, 43, a self-employed furniture restorer, of Witney, Oxfordshire, said he and his co-author had carried out exhaustive research for their book using archives in Paris and Oxford. "It was a thorough demolition job on us. The film did not treat us in a fair manner."

The programme was made for the BBC by an independent company, In Visions Produc-tion. A BBC spokeswoman, who denied breach of contract, said that the programme had been a demolition of the book and other myths on the same

'Unknown' rock filed under P for problem

By Nigel Hawkes

EXPERTS at the Natural History Museum baffled by a mysterious blue rock have discovered that the mineral is to be found throughout the Moroccan Rif Mountains and in the basement of their own museum, in a drawer marked "P" for problems.

The rock was taken to the Anna Grayson, a broadcaster who bought it from a roadside stall in Morocco. The resident geologists were stumped, but it has now been identified as aerinite by Dr Mohammed Bensaid, of the Moroccan Ministry of Mines. He said that the mineral was found in several places in the Rif Mountains. It is also found in the Natural History Museum. though none of the curators could lay hands on it when they needed to.

The embarrassing discovery was made when a researcher from BBC Television's Horizon was working with Ms Grayson on a programme about the mineral. It has left the museum almost as red-aced as the mineral is

A spokeswoman said that the museum had 350,000 minerals in its collections, plus another 300 of questionable status. The four aerinite specimens came originally from Spain, France and Morocco, the first two before 1911. "Nobody working at the museum now had ever actually seen them." she said. "They weren't on the database, so when we searched it they weren't

Aerinite, which contains calcium, aluminium, iron, silicon, magnesium and oxygen, is certainly no common rock. The blue colour - the most intense of any mineral - is believed to be caused by the presence of two different forms of iron, between which electrons are constantly moving.

drug case remanded

police over the death of Richard Mulkerrins, 17, a school head boy, was remanded in custody yesterday after being charged with supplying amphetamine sulphate. Jane Poyner, 39, of Stonehouse, Plymouth — who is also known as Preece alleged to have supplied the Class B drug to a youth in Plymouth between Septem-

Earl harassed

A South African photographer was given a suspended jail sentence by a Cape Town court for breaching an order not to harass Earl Spencer, brother of Diana, Princess of Wales, and his family.

Mine rejected

ed an application by Celtic Energy to develop a huge opencast coal mine at Ystradgynlais, north of Swansea, on the fringe of the Brecon Beacons National Park.

Greens to stand

The Green Party voted to field candidates in the general election, despite nearly 200 lost deposits last time. It defeated a call to focus on local and European elections. Up to 80 members may stand.

Man cleared

Lee Ellison, 21, of Witham, Essex, was cleared at the Old Bailey of taking part in an alleged £100,000 plot to blackmail Sainsbury's. It had been claimed that he was to act as a courier to collect the money.

Roy Smith, 49, a redundant sales director from Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, who stood beside the A466 with a poster saying "I need a job", has been hired as an



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Canada geese face heavy cull with paraffin spray

goose is expected to be launched in public parks and gardens after the publication of research showing that numbers can be effectively controlled by spraying paraffin on to their eggs.

Studies carried out by the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust on behalf of the Department of the liquid paraffin suffocates goose embryos. The method is cheap and less controversial than shooting the geese.

A spokesman for the trust, based in Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, said yesterday that the method was "usually 100 per cent effective". The findings, to be published in October, are to form new guidance from the department for councils and landowners.

The pressure for greater culling is expected to be increased by further research, also funded by the Environment Department and to be published next month, showing that the birds' droppings contain pathogens that could pose a public health risk.

Many wildlfowl carry pathogens in droppings but, for most species, there is little chance of these coming into contact with human beings. However, this is not the case with Canada geese, which graze on playing fields and parkland. "It is the quantity of

A FRESH blitz on the Canada droppings which these birds produce and their proximity to young children that is emerging as a key issue for controlling numbers," a spokesman for the department said.

The birds' prodigious defecation and tendency to go around in packs terrorising young children have earned them a reviled reputation. They were introduced into Britain by Charles (I in the 17th century. Since then, rather like other imports such as the rabbit and the grey squirrel, they have taken to Britain and its climate.



The Canada goose has

1950s when shooters seized on the geese as a popular new game bird and began moving adults around the country. The present population is estimated at around 60,000. In some cities, parks and gar-dens have become over-

whelmed by the geese.
But the difficulties and costs of controlling the birds, allied to doubts over the damage they cause to the environment, have made many landowners and local authorities reluctant to take culls seriously.

Chris Harbard, of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and a member of the Canada Goose Working Group, said yesterday that he would back the control of numbers using spraying. "We support such actions if there is a threat to public health or air safety." he said.

There have been suggestions that, as has been the case in America, Canada geese should be shot and sold to butchers as a delicacy. But the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust said: "At the moment it is illegal to sell them for the table. You would have to change the legislation for this to take place and there are problems

"You might open the way for the sale of other kinds, like pink-footed geese. This might open the floodgates for illegal



Together at last: the couple plan to settle in Canada after marrying today



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Stephen Keating and Edna Burke in their youth

Pair to wed after 54 years apart

By A STAFF REPORTER

A COUPLE who were separated by the Second World War will finally marry today. after first meeting on a blind date in 1936.

Edna Burke and Stephen Keating grew up in Dalkey. Co Dublin, and met when they were both 15. They fell in love and courted for two years before Mr Keating joined the RAF in 1938. She moved to Liverpool to work as a housekeeper after he was posted to Canada. They last saw each other in 1942.

Mr Keating, 75. said: "She says she kept writing, but I'm not so sure. I didn't realise letters were going astray and thought she'd found another love who wooed her with red roses instead of dandelions. My pride wouldn't let me contact her if she didn't want

Mrs Burke says that she kept writing, but eventually gave up after receiving no replies. She met and married Jim Burke and eventually

they had four children. He died seven years ago.

After the war ended Mr Keating settled in Canada. working as a firefighter in Coburg, Ontario. He married and had four children.

It was only on a visit to her home town in Ireland in 1994 that Mrs Burke contacted Mr Keating's brother. He passed on his brother's telephone number and address and said that he was now a widower.

"I tried so many times to write, but just couldn't," she said. "Then after a month 1 finally picked up the phone."

Mr Keating said: "This woman came on the line and asked me to guess who it was after 54 years. Strangely enough, I had a good idea. We just sort of came full circle. All the years just rolled back for both of us.

Mrs Burke flew out to visit him in May this year and they resumed their romance. After wedding today in Coventry. couple will live in Coburg.

War widow reunited with husband's wedding ring

By Nicholas Watt, chief ireland correspondent

THE widow of an American serviceman who was killed in an air crash over Belfast during the Second World War is to be reunited with her husband's wedding ring more than 50 years after his death. Ruth Gillespie will receive the ring at a ceremony tomorrow from the man who found t nearly three years ago on a hillside outside Belfast where her husband's B17 Flying Fortress bomber crashed in 1944. Alfred Montgomery, from Glengormley, Belfast, flies out today to Mrs Gillespie's home-town of Louisville, Kentucky,

for the ceremony in her local Baptist church. Mr Montgomery's search for the ring's origins began when he recovered it from the crash site on Cavehill mountain on a cold day in December 1993. At first he thought he had picked up a washer from the site of the crash, which he had searched regularly for souvenirs since he was a child. But, after careful cleaning, Mr Montgomery soon realised what it was.

He told a local newspaper: We got a magnifying glass and discovered an inscription with the names Ruth-Larry and a wedding date." Armed with this piece of information, Mr Montgomery secured the names of the ten airmen who died when the plane crashed towards the end of a flight from Newfoundland to Northern ireland.

Two had the christian name Lawrence, but Mr Montgomery contacted the American in Cambridge. cemetery where officials eliminated one of the names and told him to contact Ruth Dundon, who had lost her husband, Staff Sergeant Lawrence Dundon, in the crash.

Numerous letters to veterans' groups, to pension ad-

American Air Force all proved fruitless. Mr Montgomery even wrote to the airman's last address in Louisville, but all to no avail. "At this stage I was running round in circles," he

In a last attempt to track down the airman's widow, he wrote to a Louisville newspaper, the Courier Journal, which ran a story about the ring in July. Within weeks Mrs Gillespie, who remarried in 1946 and whose second husband died last year, tele-

Mr Montgomery said: "She was surprised that the ring had turned up. When I explained that the crash site was close to civilisation she was really astonished. She was very, very grateful indeed that somebody should go to the trouble of researching and finding her. It was just grati-tude from one end of the conversation to the other."

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Bader 'may have been shot down by own side'

By MICHAEL EVANS **DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT**

SIR DOUGLAS BADER, the Second World War flying ace who was captured after being shot down over France, may have been the victim of friendly fire, according to a new book about him.

Sir Douglas, who died in 1982, was shot down in his Spitfire over St Omer in August 1941. It has always been assumed that his plane was hit either by German antiaircraft fire or by the Luftwaffe in a dogfight. Sir Douglas once suggested that he may have collided with a Messerschmitt 109.

Now, in a book about the Battle of Britain pilot, Dilip Sarkar claims that one of his own men may have shot him down by mistake, Mr Sarkar said that the collision theory was inconclusive and there was no proof that he was shot down by a German.

"In the confusing mass of duelling fighters it's not impossible that Bader was shot down by another Spitfire," he said. "He would have represented a flash across the windscreen at 350mph. Things weren't helped by the fact that the Messerschmitt 109F was new and didn't look that different to a Spitfire."

Lady Bader, Sir Douglas's widow, who lives near Newbury, said: "He assumed it was the enemy, but he never really talked about it. He didn't like remembering being shot down.'

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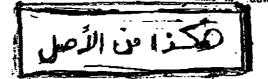
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Vicar calls for Pope to lead Church of England

By RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

AN ANGLICAN vicar who is about to be consecrated a bishop called yesterday for the Pope to be given primacy over the Archbishop of Canterbury and the monarch.

The Rev John Broadhurst. an opponent of women priests who heads the traditionalist group Forward in Faith, called on the Church of England to abandon its autonomy and to seek to rejoin the Roman Catholic Church, acknowledging the Pope as its "first bishop".

He also challenged the es-tablishment of the Church of England and criticised the constitutional role of the monarch as supreme governor. The Church has to return to the mainstream or it will perish." he said. The only possible future for the Church of England is a Catholic one. with the Pope as the first

Father Broadhurst has growing influence in a Church where large numbers remain disillusioned over what they see as a steady progress towards liberalism. On Wednes-Bishop of Fulham. His promotion, by the Right Rev Richard Chartres, the new Bishop of London, who has never ordained a woman, has been seen by many as a strong



Father Broadhurst to be consecrated a bishop

endorsement from the hierarchy for Father Broadhurst's views. The Church's main proponent of disestablishment, the Right Rev Colin Buchanan, a vicar in the Rochester diocese, has also been promoted to an area bishop in Southwark.

Many traditionalists left the Church over the issue of women's ordination, but some, such as Father Broadhurst, remained in the hope that they could influence a return to what they regard as orthodox Christianity. He and other clergy, including the Ven George Austin, Archdea-con of York, voice their fears for the future of the Church in a collection of essays, Quo Vaditis, published yesterday

(Gracewing, £9.99). Father Broadhurst des-cribes establishment as "a Babylonian captivity of enormous proportions". He says the Anglican Church this cen-tury has suffered a significant decline, with falling numbers, increased secularisation and

liberal theology.

The establishment of the Church, which once held it close to the old universal tradition, has now become an instrument of oppression seeking to enforce the views of an increasingly secular world upon the believers," he says.
"The Church defends every view except traditional Christianity." He calls for all "orthodox" Christians in the Church to "exert sustained pressure for a return to traditional faith

Referring to the Pope, he calls for the issue of primacy to be recognised. Many Anglicans already believe the Pope to be the first bishop of Christendom", he says. And some other Christians, while rejecting the concept of bishops, "recognise that the Pope consistently speaks for Christian values in an increasingly secular world".



Jack Shabosnick in the Great Garden Street synagogue where his father's collection of books is rotting away

Synagogue sale threatens East End rabbi's historic book collection

BY IAN MURRAY COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

UNIQUE collection of books by a rabbi who pre-scribed herbal remedies for George V and exchanged letters with the Pope, the Archbishop of Canterbury and Sigmund Freud is rotting in the attic of a synagogue about to be sold to make way for a block of offices.

The Great Garden Street synagogue, just off White-chapel, once boasted the largest congregation in the East End of London. When it opened 100 years ago, more than 1,000 people regularly attended services on the Sabbath and its rabbi was regarded as one of the leaders of British Jewry.

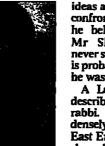
However, fewer than 50 are likely to be in the congregation for the Yom Kippur service on Monday, even though this is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar, Most of the Whitechapel Jewish At Your Service, the northern and eastern Weekend, page 15 fringes of London, leaving



Louis Shabosnick, left, and Joseph Shabosnick

only a small group of mostly elderly people. Jack Shabosnick, 64, whose father, Louis, was rabbi at the synagogue for 43 years, is trying to find a home for its handwritten goatskin Torah scrolls, embroidered curtains and collection of religious books written and published by his grandfather, Joseph.

"My grandfather was a doctor, rabbi, herbalist and stopped writing." Mr Shabos-



the 'wonder rabbi' because of the way he treated and cured

In the family scrapbook is a letter from Lord Dawson of Penn, physician to George V, thanking the rabbi for a herbal remedy sent to the King in 1932. Other letters from the private secretaries of the Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury attest to an attempt by the rabbi to form a gions to work for neace. "He was a loner who was full of

confronting the authorities if he believed in something, Mr Shabosnick said. "He never stopped working, which is probably why he died when he was only 56."

A London evening paper described a day with the rabbi. When he walks the densely packed streets of the East End, the jostling crowds cleared a path for him as if by magic." When he died the streets were packed with mourners.

Hundreds of copies of the 45 commentaries he wrote on the Talmud - Jewish civil and religious law - are now gathering dust in the synagogue attic. Sharmar Kadish, a professor of Jewish history at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. had inspected the collection recently and was shocked at its condition. "If they cannot be placed somewhere, then they will have to be buried, according to Jewish custom," Mr Shabosnick

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Relics remind us of the power of God's love

The desire to possess tangible links with those who are powerful and charismatic is deeply embedded in human nature. The sale in America a few months ago of mementoes of the late Jacqueline Onassis was but one of the most recent examples.

Religion shares in this very human desire. Relics. whether the bones of saints, their rosaries, prayer books or clothing, are powerful symbols linking the contemporary worshipper with one

marked by a holiness and transparency to God. When a monk of Winchester came the first Bishop of Sta-vanger in Norway, he took with him an arm of the saintly Bishop Swithun to give him encouragement and protection — and, as a consequence, a cult of Swithun

flourished in Nor-



way. Possession of the relics of a saint could provoke both theft and war. manufacture of spurious relics, such as the great collection housed in Wittenberg by the Elector of Saxony on the eve of the Reformation.

Relics implied spiritual power, and it is no surprise that the attack on papal power in the 16th century coincided with a destruction of relics and shrines of saints. It may have been an understandable attack on what was perceived as a superstitious prop to ecclesiastical power, but it was blind in failing to see the link between relies in the widest sense and the essential incarnational, embodied. character of the Christian faith, whose treasure is always in earthen vessels.

Of Christian relics none us dow was more powerful than us go. those held to be of the Cross the Persian King Chosroes II Bishop of Basingstoke.

Cross from Jerusalem and carried it off to Mesopotamia, a shudder ran through Eastern Christendom. The spiritual devastation was reversed a little over ten years later, when the Emperor Heraclius led an army against the forces of Chosroes and returned the relic of the Cross in triumph to Jerusalem -- the first and last time that an Eastern Roman Christian Emperor set foot in the holy places.

A week ago Christians celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. or Holy Cross Day, a feast which began in commemoration of Heraclius's triumphant restoration of the cross to Jerusalem, yet there can be few who celebrate it who know of its origin. For, rightly, what this day has come to commemorate is not the rescue of a

Rowell

relic, nor the darkness, grief and sorrow of Good Friday, but the victory of the love of God, the triumphant sacrifice of Christ. It is a love that goes to the uttermost, a light which shines in the darkest places of death, destruction and despair. The Gospels record the great cry of Jesus as he died: "It is accomplished", for "Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won.

It is that triumph of the love of God over evil, sin and death that is at the heart of Holy Cross Day: and the Cross seen in the light of Easter proclaims, in the words of Lady Julian of Norwich, that "the love of God has come down to the lowest part of our need", a love that will never let us down, and will never let



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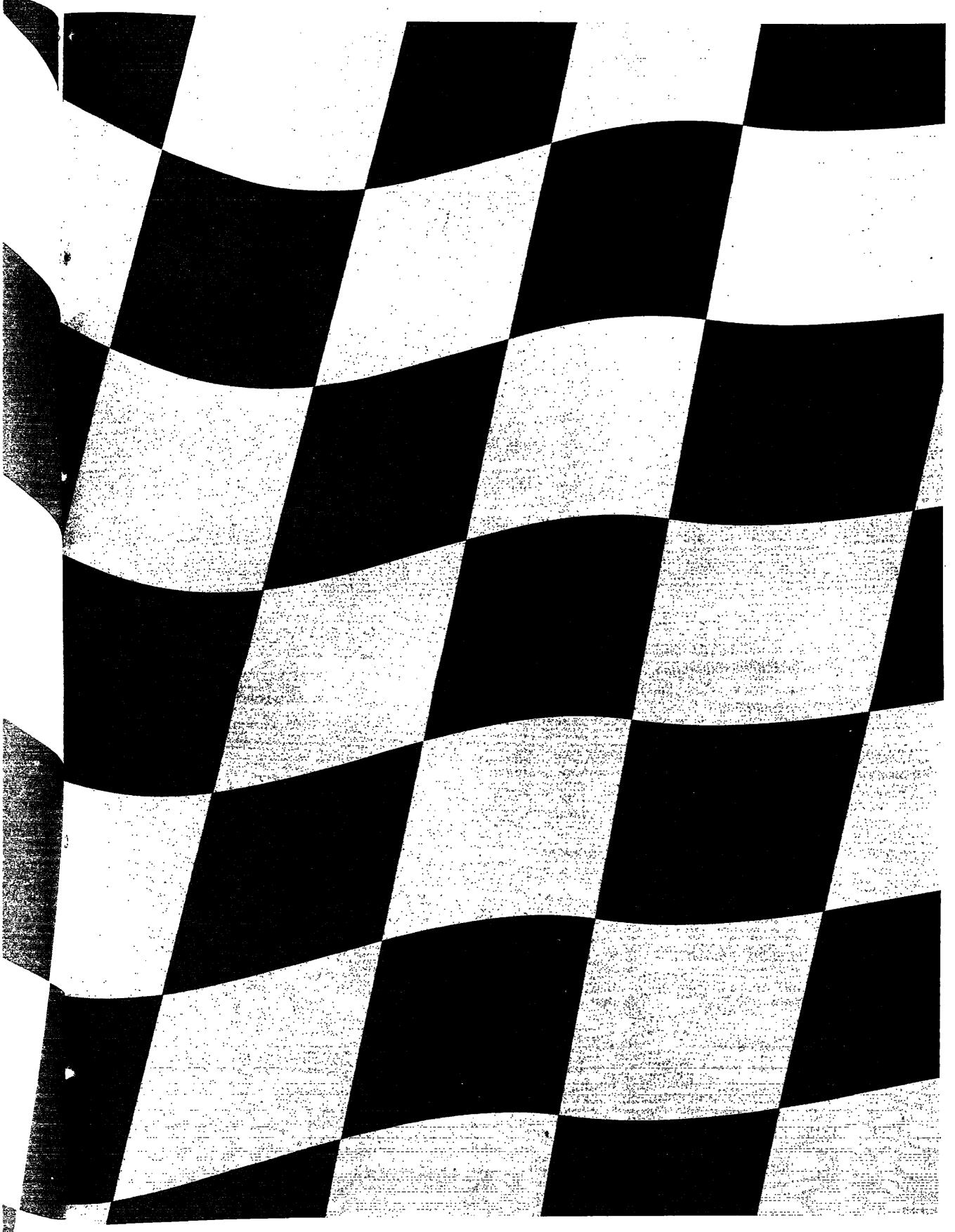
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Pressure builds on 'pariah' Britain for currency deal

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN DUBLIN

BRITAIN will come under renewed pressure from its partners today to join a system designed to ensure stability between the planned European single currency and countries outside it.

The threat of disruption between the future "inner" zone of economic and monetary union and countries outside it will be at the heart of talks in Dublin where finance ministers are to put the finishing touches to the machinery for launching the euro, as the new currency is to be called. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will repeat Britain's lack of interest in joining a new-look monetary system, supported by all the other EU states, which will seek to tie the so-called "out"

currencies to the euro. Yves-Thibault de Silguy, the Monetary Commissioner, acknowledged yesterday that membership of "ERM [exchange-rate mechanism II" could not be made compul-sory, but he recalled that the EU's founding treaty made exchange rates a "matter of common interest". This clause is being brandished by officials around the Continent as a vague threat to Britain should it seek to achieve advantage against the euro through what is called "competitive devaluation". M de Silguy, who is ever more optimistic that EMU will go ahead on time in 1999, said the aim of "ERM II" was

"to avoid cutting Europe in two. What we have to do is maintain the security of the single market."

The risk that EMU will

indeed divide Europe has become a central theme of British concern with the approach of the entry deadline -early 1998. Malcolm Rifkind. the Foreign Secretary, sounded a warning over a possible schism that could be triggered by an ill-advised leap to monetary union. Britain had hoped to win the support of Italy. Spain and other states likely to be excluded from the first wave of EMU. However, the Government has so antagonised the continental states that it stands isolated.

"Until the next election, I'm afraid London has made itself a bit of a pariah," a senior Belgian official said. Fear of



De Silguy: optimistic over EMU deadline

failing to make the EMU grade is, however, stirring growing tension between the rich north European members and the more fiscally profligate southern states. But Britain's qualms will have little effect on the Dublin talks, where most of the remaining nuts and bolts of the EMŪ

machine are to be forged.

"The EMU car will be finished by the end of this year in time for the member states to get into the driver's seat a year later," M de Silguy said. While poor economic performers such as Italy and Spain are becoming worried about their possible exclusion, the passage of Germany's austerity budget and the unveiling of France's own ver-

sion has created a surge of optimism among the likely

founding holders of the euro.

Austerity budgets are expected

to bring the two key economies through the EMU entrance The French budget hinges on book-keeping sleight-of-hand in which a heavy injection of assets from France Telecom, the state telecommunications company, has been assigned to soak up the deficit and bring it under the Maastricht ceiling of 3 per cent. The Commission signalled yesterday that this controversial accounting would

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be approved.



Nuns among a crowd of 120,000 who heard the Pope say Mass in Brittany yesterday

Pope reaffirms Vatican line on sex and celibacy

By BEN MACINTYRE

THE Pope yesterday reasserted the Roman Catholic Church's conservative teachings on marriage, abortion and sexuality, a day after accepting the resignation of the runaway Scottish bishop, Roderick Wright.

On the second day of his four-day tour in France, the Pope described the sexual act as an irreversible spiritual covenant within marriage, as he sought to rally his French flock in the face of increasing opposition to the Vatican's views on sexual morality and priestly celibacy.

Just hours after accepting

the resignation of Mr Wright, the Pope praised the "free choice of celibacy" in an address to a group of priests and nuns at St Laurent-sur-Sevre in western France.

"The demands of your vows may appear to your contemporaries difficult to understand and almost impossible to live up to. Do not let this upset you," the Pope said.

The Pope was greeted yesterday by a crowd of 120,000 pilgrims in Brittany, where he emphasised the sacrosanct nature of sex within marriage and gave a warning against a "climate of indifference and individualism".

At a meeting with 3,000 young French couples and their children in the hamlet of Sainte Anne d'Auray, a shrine to the mother of the Virgin Mary, the Pope, appearing less fatigued than on the day of his arrival, spoke of the virtues of Christian marriage

described his listeners as "the salt of the earth".

"Many essential values are being questioned," the Pope said. The family is going through many difficulties

which sometimes weaken it." He added that those who are separated, divorced or remarried should remain members of the Christian community, "while accepting in faith the truth which the Church carries in its discipline

regarding matrimony.
In married life, the physical relations are the sign and expression of the communion between two persons. The manifestation of tenderness and body language express the conjugal pact and represent the mystery of the covenant and the mystery of the union of Christ with the Church," he said.

The 21-stop papal tour is not only a test of Pope John Paul's fragile health but also of his diplomatic delicacy. The liberal wing of the French Catholic church is increasingly opposed to his strict line on priestly celibacy, abortion, contraception and homosexuality.

According to the latest polls, more than half of all French people strongly disagree with. or have reservations about. the Pope's teachings, a figure that has doubled since 1988.

Dozens of groups, including Freemasons, anarchists and a onstration in Paris on Sunday in protest at the papal visit.

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Russia warns Nato on advance east

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

YEVGENI PRIMAKOV, the Russian Foreign Minister, yesterday issued a warning against any move to deploy Nato military equipment in the Eastern European countries which are expected to join the alliance as new members before the end of the century. He said that stationing Nato's military infrastructure closer to the borders of Russia was "unacceptable".

Speaking in Vienna before meeting Javier Solana, Nato's Secretary-General. Mr Primakov was reaffirming Russia's revised policy towards the alliance's expansion plans, outlined in June. Rather

than oppose expansion outright, as it had done in the past, Moscow is trying to limit

States and Canada, was uniquely positioned in the past, Moscow is trying to limit the impact of a Western alliance approaching its borders. Poland - which shares a frontier with Russia — the Czech Republic and Hungary are likely to be the first to join an expanded Nato.

Addressing the Organisation for Sec-urity and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), which is based in Vienna, Mr Primakov said he realised that Moscow had no right of veto if former Warsaw Pact countries wanted to join Nato. He emphasised Russia's vision for a wider European security structure based on the OSCE. He said the OSCE, which includes most of Europe, the United

All organisations involved in security policy should have an input in a restructured OSCE, he said. That would include the United Nations, Nato, the Council of Europe, the European Union,

Commonwealth of Independent States. After the meeting with the Nato Secretary-General, Mr Primakov announced that Russia will continue to provide troops for peacekeeping in Bos-nia-Herzegovina next year after the Natoled operation comes to an end.

the Western European Union and the

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Anger at car rape ruling

Madrid: A woman alleging date rape appealed to the Supreme Court after a magistrate's tribunal in Valladolid, northern Spain, ruled that it

northern Spain, ruled that it was impossible to commit rape in a Renault Clio (Tunku Varadarajan writes). In a judgment that angered women's groups, the tribunal ruled: "Even if you recline the seats to their fullest extent, the cramped interior configuration of the car ensures that the consummation of the act is quite impossible."

More medical tests for Yeltsin FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS

BORIS YELTSIN will remain in hospital for three or four more days of tests before his heart bypass operation, the Kremlin's chief doctor said

> A date for the 65-year-old Russian President's surgery is expected to be set on Wednesday at a doctors' meeting that will include Dr. Michael DeBakey, an American spe-cialist, Dr Sergei Mironov said. Asked about rumours of

liver problems that could com-plicate the surgery. Dr Mir-onov said that the liver was always a consideration with a natient of Mr Yeltsin's age, but there were "no big problems". Coronary artery bypass sur-gery normally has about a 96 per cent survival rate and specialists have said that the

chances are good that Mr Yeltsin will return to vigorous health. However, undisclosed complications could make the operation significantly more dangerous. Rumours that Mr Yeltsin has other problems have circulated for years; his political career has been punctuated by sudden, unexplained absences and bouts of unusual behavior. This week speculation about additional health problems was fuelled by his week-long stay in hospital for tests. Aides said after he arrived last Friday that he would be there only

through that weekend.

Dr Mironov played down talk of complications. "A very serious operation is ahead, which requires very significant preparation," he said.

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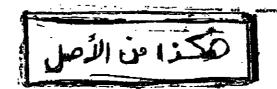
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Lloyds bid values **Abbey Life** at £4.4bn

BY ADAM JONES

LLOYDS TSB is to buy out the minority shareholding in Lloyds Abbey Life. The deal values the shares at 635p and the company at £4.4 billion. The bank already owns 62.6 per cent of the shares and had been widely expected to make the bancassurer a full subsidiary.

The bank also confirmed that Peter Ellwood, deputy group chief executive, will become chief executive in February when Sir Brian Pitman, the chief executive, becomes chairman - as revealed in The Times yesterday.

The proposal to make Lloyds Abbey Life a whollyowned subsidiary comes after speculation on a possible bid from Prudential. The rumours had lifted the share price from about 450p at the start of this year to 592p.

A source close to the deal

said that the rumours had forced the bank's hand: "It has had to move earlier than it would have liked."

Both the bid and the boardroom changes are belated results of the merger of Lloyds and TSB last December when it was apparent that there

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the Black Horse Financial Services Group. There was also duplication in property services and in consumer financing.
The bid will enable Lloyds TSB to integrate some overlapping businesses. But it seems unlikely at this stage that there will be forced redun-

had its own general and life

insurance arm, while Lloyds'

majority stake in Lloyds Ab-bey Life gave it similar expo-

sure through subsidiaries like

dancies. A source close the bank said any changes to staffing levels would be absorbed by the natural flow of employees. Stephen Maran, chief executive of Lloyds Abbey Life, said: The relationship between Lloyds Abbey Life and Lloyds

TSB needed to be the subject of discussion after the merger. and this is the right step for both organisations." He added that the company's progress in conforming to the review into pensions mis-selling would not be affected.

The agreed bid for the minority stake of 635p a share is 7 per cent higher than a closing price of 592p before yesterday's announcement.

Some analysts yesterday thought 635p was too much. Roman Cizdyn of Merrill Lynch said: "I think it's a high price." Lloyds TSB shares closed at 378½p, a fall of 12½p; Lloyds Abbey Life shares rose

thought that a deal was inevitable. On the whole banks are keen to move into the insurance market for its relatively low risk and volatility. One analyst said Lloyds TSB was prevented from acting earlier by the merger and subsequent equisition of the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society: They would have had their

hands pretty full."
Under the proposal, minority shareholders will be given seven Lloyds TSB ordinary shares for every six shares held. They will also get 300p per share in cash — it is expected that about 50p of this will come from a tax-efficient

special dividend. Shareholders will be allowed to take half their Lloyds TSB shares in cash, too. More details will be released early next week.

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Boots in French skincare deal

By Sarah Cunningham

BOOTS said yesterday that it had acquired Laboratoires Lutsia, a French skincare specialist, for £115 million. It said that the purchase by Boots Healthcare International would give BHI total sales in France of £57.5 million. It would also boost total BHI skincare sales to more than £75 million in a full year. It has bought Laboratoires Lutsia from Rousel Uclaf, part of Hoechst Marion Rousel, which intends to con-

centrate on pharmaceuticals. Boots said that BHI planned significant expansion of Lutsia's Lutsine antiacne and Onagrine antiageing skincare ranges, particularly in export markets. Sales of the two products in France were £39.4 million

The deal is in line with BHI plans to build businesses in each key European market place, particularly in its core products, which are analge-sics under the Nurofen brand, cough and throat treatments, such as Strepsils, and skincare.

Boots said after the deal that these three areas would account for more than 60 per cent of BHI sales.

Lutsia has a 7 share of French skincare products sold only through pharmacies and employs more than 200 people. BHI will use the Lutsia salesforce to promote its own brands of skincare while its own team will focus on Nurofen and Strepsils.

Barry Clare, managing director of BHI, said: "Together Lutsia and BHI will create a formidable business. Beyond France there is real potential for growth." The price includes repayment of inter-company debt of about Fr50 million. Boots shares closed up 52 p at 6412 p.

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Cunard chairman leaves the bridge

By OLIVER AUGUST

CUNARD, the cruise line operator, hit new problems yesterday when Peter Ward resigned as executive chairman. He is the second chairman

to have left Cunard after less than two years. John Olsen, his predecessor, was ousted in June last year after a bungled refit of the OE2. Mr Ward's stewardship of

Cunard was overshadowed by the incident in May in which the Royal Viking Sun, its newest and most luxurious liner, ran aground off Egypt. Kvaerner, the engineering

group that owns Cunard after taking over Trafalgar House, said that Mr Ward, who was based at Cunard's New York headquarters, had decided to return to London to pursue other interests. The former head of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars will not receive a pay-off.

Antti Pankakoski, currently vice-president of Kvaerner's shipbuilding business, is to succeed Mr Ward at Cunard.

Kvaerner said that companies interested in buying Cunard had approached it. but it was not in negotiations.

Ford joins rush to beat works council deadline

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

FORD is expected today to become one of the last transnational firms to set up a consultative European-style works before tomorrow's Brussels deadline for volun-

tary agreements on them.
The carmaker's move follows a rush of last-minute deals. including Unilever and Barclude European Works Council (EWC) agreements before tomorrow's deadline under an EU directive — in spite of the UK opt-out from the EU requirement. Ford confirmed yesterday that it will sign a draft deal for a works council covering all European emloyees, including those in the UK, by the deadline.

From Monday, companies setting up EWCs must do so in accordance with strict guidelines in the directive after the ending tomorrow of the period for voluntary agreements, allowing much greater latitude. Unilever announced a council providing "effective" infor-

mation and consultation for its

employees across Europe, including the UK; managers and 31 staff representatives from all EU countries and Switzerland will meet annually. The Barclays European forum will cover the hank's 80,000 employees in Europe, including the UK.

The UK opt-out from the Maastricht treaty social chapter makes it unnecessary for British companies covered by the EU directive to include UK staff, but many have done so rather than run two systems in Europe.

Wickes to explain on profits

By Sarah Cunningham

THE BOARD of Wickes, the DIY retailer, will next week prepare a letter to send to shareholders explaining how it came to overstate profits by £50 million over four years. The board has seen early drafts of a report by Linklater & Paines, the solicitor, and Price Waterhouse, the accountant, which will be the basis for its explanation. Wickes plans to write to shareholders by the

end of this month. The solicitor's brief has been to concentrate on who was behind accounting irregularities that arose from the treatment of rebates from suppliers. It is not yet known whether the solicitor's report will be passed on to the police. Wickes has said it will not take

any legal action. The accountant will provide a restated, "clean" balance sheet. This will enable the shares, suspended on June 25

at 67p. to resume trading. Wickes is thought to be looking at a £30 million rights issue once the full extent of the

Puttnam to quit Chrysalis board after rows

By Jason Nissé

SIR David Puttnam, the film producer whose successes include Chariots of Fire and Midnight Express, is to resign from the board of Chrysalis, the media group, amid rows about the running of the company. His resignation is expected to be announced

on Monday and follows his public condemnation of the way Chrysalis, which owns TV, music and sports interests, has handled its withdrawal from film production. Sir David's departure is also expected to

bring to the boil a row about the way the lossmaking group is run by Chris Wright. its founder, chairman and largest shareholder. Chrysalis closed its film division earlier this month, having lost about £2 million of a £4 million investment in attempting to develop a

UK-based feature film studio. The decision to

pull out was made by Mick Pillsworth, chief executive of Chrysalis Visual Entertainment, with Mr Wright's backing.
However Sir David, who used to run

Columbia Pictures, the Hollywood film studio, was unhappy about not being consulted as he was publicly involved in launching the project. He said in a written statement: "Given the choices the company has to make about its future, I have few arguments with the

fundamental decision, although as a member of the board I have enormous reservations about the way it has been implemented."

Sir David was out of the country yesterday and unable to comment further. However he is understood to have been pressing, along with other members of the board, for the appointment of a full-time managing director. A candidate was brought in to meet heads of

department before he decided to reject the post. | profits shortfall is in the open.

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Regulators must decide on free market or control

f, like me, you were born during the second half of Eric . Hobsbawm's short 20th century (1914-1996) continuous relative decline has seemed normal. Neither the extremity of the terror of war nor the victories have been our experience. But the extremities at the beginning of the short century have shadowed our lives.

It was not long before 1914 that Britain's economic wealth and military strength equalled that of the US. And even in the 1960s, a government poster campaign trum-

peted: "Britain leads the world in quoting atomic power and shipbuilding among a long list of industries. Today a campaign like that would be ridiculous. Not just America and Japan, but China, the tigers" and the European Union have moved Britain into a different

Eleven years ago I was fortunate to join a management team led by John King and Colin Marshall, who seemed less afflected by the

shadow of our history. They, whether through personality or experience, (Colin's formative experience had all been in the US) seemed more interested in doing things and being creative, not worrying so much why things hadn't happened. And they ran a business that they thought could be

British aviation can claim to have a leading position in the world. How is this? Partly history, partly entrepreneurial spirit. British trailblazers led the field, launching the world's first scheduled passenger flight, in 1919, to Paris. A Briton invented the jet engine (but it was exploited in America) and automatic landings. British Airways' prede-Imperial Airways, BOAC. BEA and many more made London the aviation crossroads of the world, inaugurated the first civilian passenger jets and first supersonic services, created a

world-spanning route network, and

scored many industry firsts. And

other airline entrepreneurs, Adam Thompson, Michael Bishop, Freddie Laker and Richard Branson. They, too, look forward not back. London's financial services are

then, more recently, there were

comparable. Since Big Bang. London has had to fight for its place as a major financial centre. So far it has succeeded. But now we face the challenge of the next century; how to keep and improve Britain's place

The challenge comes from the emerging global alliances, which, with privatisation, are transforming the airline industry. They will offer consumers lower prices, easier connections, better networks, greater choice, better services, and liberalised markets. I believe that we must embrace this change and look forward again.

After 75 years (most of the short century) most airlines and regulators still think of nationality. They are more concerned with the possessive adjective; "our" airlines,

spend on infrastructure.

mainder of the year."

week and left tight markets to

cope without the expected

resumption of Iraqi exports

under a United Nations oil-

Saudi Arabia, Opec's big-gest producer, which budget-

ed for crude prices of between

\$14 and \$14.50 a barrel in

January, can expect to make

up to an extra \$10 billion, according to Middle East ana-

for-food arrangement.





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current restrictions on who can own airlines lie in defence not economic considerations. Their sell-by date has passed.

Resolving tensions betweeen national interests and what companies want will not be easy. The nature of air travel is changing. As competi-tion intensities, newly privatised

airlines will seek efficiencies by belonging to one global alliance or another. We can already foresee 600-seat intercontinental aircraft connecting traffic from major exchange points. Instead of national citizens, airlines will become world

Because so many passengers now transfer internationally, alliances must compete for their total journey with a single good-value fare, well timed connections, transfers within one terminal, good schedules, frequent flyer rewards for the whole trip (not just one sector) and lounges at airports where they do not fly themselves.

A growing number of Euro-pean/US alliances already offer these benefits. Passengers from Des Moines, Iowa, to Dusseldorf can Lufthansa/United. KLM/Northwest or Delta-Sabena-Swissair-Austrian.

Airline services across the Atlantic have expanded remarkably since 1995 when President Clinton liberalised airline treaties with many European countries. Britain was not among them. I have recently called for Britain to move in this direction too and I welcome the Government's positive response. It has said that BA's proposed alliance agreement with American Airlines is a basis on

which liberalisation can go ahead. The central issue is the 1977 UK/US Air Services treaty known as "Bermuda 2". It stops UK airlines flying routes within the US and US airlines flying to London, in sharp contrast to Europe's fast opening skies, blocking progress.

The market place now is Europe/USA. not UK/USA. Liberalisation will help Britain's industry to grow. Customers will enjoy lower prices, more competition and better service. We would also be able to attract new transfer passengers on the combined network to the benefit of both BA and American Airlines and both countries. Now our regulators must decide where our public interest lies. Do they want a free market - or a controlled one? If progress is blocked or airlines are burdened with concessions not expected from competitors. Britain will lose its lead. So Bermuda 2 must change on terms fair to both sides.

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Many forces are transforming the aviation industry as they are transforming the world. Airlines are being privatised, they will be less featherbedded by governments, they will become more efficient. Fares are falling steadily in real terms. New technology will offer the chance to maintain momentum.

British Airways has just unveiled plans for its second transformation to offer new customer benefits. restructure and reskill the workforce, shed 5.000 jobs and achieve El billion in efficiencies while we are ahead.

The author is chief executive of

Colonial to share out £500m

About 360,000 UK investors look set to receive average payouts of £1,300 when Colonial Mutual Life Assurance secures a stock market listing early

Colonial, the smallest of Australia's big three mutual life insurance groups, is to give A\$1.3 billion (about £500 million) when its shares are listed on the Australian and New Zealand stock exchanges.

SEC inquiry

Merrill Lynch, the US bank, and senior staff are likely to be charged with securities law violations by the Securities and Exchange Commission over County. California's investment fund in 1994.

Dividend up

Gradus Group, the manufacturer of flooring accessories and lighting systems, is lifting the interim dividend to 1.8p a share (lp) in spite of a fall in pretax profits to £1.53 million (£1.78 million) for the six months to June 30.

Opec set for \$26bn gain in Gulf crisis

By MARTIN BARROW

A SHARP rise in oil prices, caused by increased tension in the Gulf, could generate additional export revenues of between \$20 billion and \$26 billion for members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec).

Petroleum exports by the II members of Opec should total about \$158 billion this year, up \$26 billion or 20 per cent from the \$132 billion earned last year, according to the Centre for Global Energy Studies (CGES), based in London. Oil, at an average of \$19 for the benchmark North Sea Brent crude so far this year, traded at \$21.79 per barrel yesterday. It should easily outstrip last year's \$17 average during the final quarter of the

Higher oil prices mean more expensive heating bills this winter for countries in the northern hemisphere and further increases in the cost of petrol. But increased revenue will allow debt-ridden Opec producers - most of which made modest assumptions for oil prices in their budget

Signet revamp plan

THE BOARD of Signet, which has called off talks to sell the Ernest Jones and H Samuel jewellery chains, is now aiming for a capital reconstruction (Sarah Cunningham writes).

Board members yesterday explained the surprise decision to abort a proposed sale to Apax Partners, which had offered £278 million. Preference shareholders, who own 25 per cent of the company's capital, are owed

about £150 million in unpaid dividends. The main shareholders are the Active Value Fund, Everest Capital, CSFB

and MD Sass of New York. The company hopes that its nine different classes of shareholders and its banks will agree to a capital reconstruction involving a debt-for-equi-

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Michael Waller-Bridge, left, with Lasmo's Dick Smernoff

Tradepoint to expand

TRADEPOINT, the new electronic rival to the London Stock Exchange, is to move into either bonds or foreign equities after failing to make a serious impact on the UK equities market in its first year (Fraser Nelson writes).

lysts. That would more than wipe out the \$4.9 billion deficit Figures released yesterday on spending of \$40 billion projected by Riyadh this year. show that the company, which broke the Stock Exchange's 200-year monopoly last year, carved out a market Foreign currency reserves, run down during the 1990-91 Gulf War, are being rebuilt share of less than 0.05 per cent and debts to contractors rein its first year - 20 times below the 2 per cent share it

needs to break even. It traded £300 million of stock in its maiden year, connecting 2,800 buyers and sellers. In the year to June, the main exchange processed bargains worth £716 billion.

Michael Waller-Bridge, Tradepoint's chief executive, said that while the group was still a long way from breaking even, it had become estab-lished as a serious rival to the main exchange.

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Microsoft in anti-trust Net inquiry

FROM RICHARD THOMSON

MICROSOFT, the computer company, is under investigation by the US Justice Department over alleged anti-trust practices that involve using its market dominance to sell software for the Internet.

The investigation is the latest development in the war between Microsoft and smaller rivals such as Netscape to become a leader in selling browser software needed for surfing the Internet. The winner of this battle is likely to set the standards for Net technology, just as Microsoft now sets the standards for personal computer software.

Netscape, the first into the field, has about 80 per cent of the browser market but Microsoft has put massive resources into gaining a larger share. Netscape accuses Microsoft of using illegal tactics in giving away its browser software with other software such as Windows 95, and giving it a more prominent position on computer screens than Netscape's Navigator.

Microsoft has been under intermittent investigation for six years over whether or not it violated anti-trust rules in selling its PC software.

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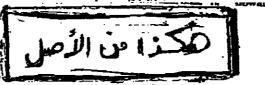
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A WORKING WEEK FOR: DAVID ELSTEIN

Broadcaster who leapt at chance to 'Take 5'

Eric Reguly talks to the TV executive with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to influence the lives of millions of Britons

Monday___ **W**ednesday

DAVID Elstein's first day at Channel 5 was met with good and bad news. The good news Thursday was that the Friday U7 Government had finally awarded the

channel an extra broadcast frequency, allowing it to reach another two million or so homes. The bad news was that "retuning" those extra homes to receive the channel without interference would delay its launch, while increasing start-up costs. "It makes a delicate operation even more complicated," Elstein said.

Indeed, Channel 5, whose publicity effort had been geared to a splashy New Year's Day debut, probably will not hit the airwayes until mid-February and some television executives think March is the better bet. They suspect that Channel 5's ellort to retune more than ten million homes was cracking under pressure even before the

second frequency was granted. Elstein, 51, who became chief executive last Monday, admits the retuning campaign has hit a few snags but, so far, no disasters. None 6 I said I of the retuners has would join been accused of assault, theft or only if I damaging proper-

ty - any of which was chief would have triggered a public reexecutive **9** lations nightmare - although there have been a few instances of electronic stalemate. "There was

been 20 minutes," he said. The recruitment process, though, is going more slowly than expected. Even before the extra frequency was awarded, Channel 5's roll-out plan called for the hiring and training of 7.000 retuners, all of whom were to be rigorously checked for criminal records. So far, only 4,000 have signed up and about 500,000 homes — less than 5 per cent of the total in the newly enlarged coverage area - have been adapted to receive the

one guy who took three days to

retune a house when it should have

If this were not headache enough, Elstein has to commission productions, create programming schedules and marketing and publicity campaigns, sell advertising, hire management, renovate offices and prevent anxiety attacks among Channel 5's shareholders as delays

and costs mount. The retuning bill is now estimated at £120 million, ruising Channel 5's total launch costs to more than £250 million.

It seems overwhelming but getting Channel 5 off the ground is seen as the most attractive job to appear in the industry for some time. It is the country's last terrestrial broadcaster and its new boss has a once-in-a-lifetime chance to stamp his personality on a service with the potential to influence the daily lives of most Britons.

Its viewers will not be required to pay a fee or buy new hardware or software; they simply have to turn it on or off. The problem is gaining their sustained attention. The consensus is that unless Channel 5 grabs 5 per cent of the total viewing audience, equivalent to about 8 per cent of the total non-BBC audience. it will fail to attract enough national advertisers to make it comfortably profitable. Channel 5's viability is not assured in an industry that is fragmenting rapidly -- Britain is set to become one of the world's most. competitive "multichannel" markets with the arrival of hundreds of digital pay-TV channels. As it is, no advertiser has made a

commitment to Channel 5. One senior airtime sales manager cynical business. not agree to spend a penny until they see a firm launch date and the programming schedule, both of which

are unknown at this stage." Fellow TV executives say that, at least on paper, Elstein seems eminently qualified for the challenge. He is one of the few senior TV managers with experience in public, commercial and satellite broadcasting. The latter is especially important because Channel 5 expects to form a number of joint ventures with BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster that is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of *The Times*, and his former

Richard Dunn, 53, the executive director of News International Television, said: "David really wanted to run Channel 5 and make a success of it. He has a rare combination of abilities to permit him to do that. He has a good grasp of marketing and programming, together with a shrewd grasp of financing and business issues."

Channel 5 has been in Elstein's sights for some time. He joined



David Elstein, the first chief executive of Channel 5: "At long last, I am in control of a major broadcaster and making the decisions at the pace that I want."

BSkyB as head of programming in 1993 and less than two years later found himself moonlighting as the chief executive of New Century Television, the BSkyB-led investor group that was formed to bid for the Channel 5 licence. If New Century had won, Elstein would have left BSkyB to become Channel 5's boss. But last October, a group called Channel 5 Broadcasting whose shareholders are Pearson and United News & Media, both of Britain, Warburg Pincus of America and CLT of Luxembourg—snatched the prize with a £22 million bid. Elstein's dreams were shattered.

He returned his attentions to BSkyB but privately decided that he was ready for a change. He did not renew his employment contract with BSkyB late last year and Sam Chisholm, the broadcaster's chief executive, did not put him under pressure to make a commitment, Channel 5, meanwhile, was in the thick of making launch plans under

Ian Ritchie, the former managing director of London News Network. Elstein's fortunes changed, as they often do for executives, during a chance social encounter. In early

tended a film in onday 🕕 the Walt Disney **T**uesday ✓ company's private screening room in Ken-Thursday_ sington, and Hollick, the chief executive of United News & Media and a Channel 5 director. "He asked me if would be interested in joining Channel 5 and I said I would come

only as chief executive." Elstein said. "It didn't take long after that." He signed his contract on August 28 — three years at about £300,000 thought he would be working

beyond 50. He has made enough to retire and has always been attracted to academia. Channel 5, he said, was just too good to turn down.

Elstein was born in Slough in 1944 and grew up in West Hampstead, London. His Jewish parents, Albert and Millie, were lucky to be alive. A flu epidemic after the First World War left them orphaned in Poland, separated from their siblings who ended up scattered all over the world. They were adopted by poor east London Jewish families. Both ended up in the shmatte trade; Albert became a tailor and Millie ran a women's fashion shop called Ian Harvey in Golders Green. The shop provided young David with his first employment and his first exposure to the marvels of finance.

David and his two brothers lived well for the children of refugees. "We grew up experiencing a middie-class life and very little anti-Semitism," he said. "It was a period when you could see the generation in front of you making considerable headway in terms of business, and it didn't feel like there were any barriers."

His parents, though, could not let go of their past. They spent much of their lives searching for lost family members. Millie eventually tracked down a sister in São Paolo, Brazil, and saw her for the first time in 50 years in the mid-1970s. Albert dreamt of better things. "He was a frustrated intellectual who read his Economist to the very end," Elstein said. Elstein got bitten by the academ-

ic bug, too. He gained a double first

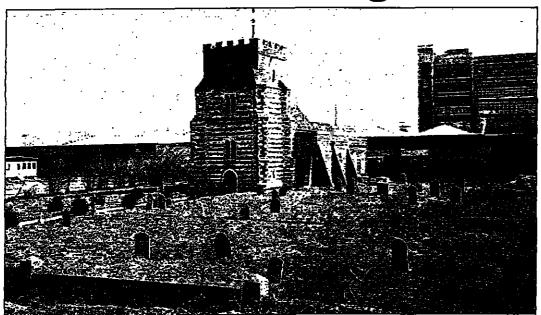
in history at Cambridge at the age of 19, and for lack of anything better do to, joined the BBC as a general trainee. He has been in TV ever since. After four years at the BBC, he spent 14 years as a producer and director at Thames Television, LWT, Goldcrest, Primetime and Brook Productions, his own production company. He returned to Thames in 1986 and joined BSkyB seven years later. Elstein said that he was happiest

editing This Week, ITV's former current affairs programme, during the mid-1970s. But the hours were gruelling and his wife Jenny, a former on-air reporter for the BBC and Thames, made him quit before any damage was done. The other job that stood out was the acclaimed World at War series for ITV. He wrote and produced three of the 26 episodes and tried to commission a similar series on the First World War for BSkyB.

As his first week ended, Elstein had been worn down by meetings with civil servants, advertisers. regulators, producers and programmers and endless queries about the delay in the retuning schedule. But he said that he was not frustrated. Creating something the size of Channel 5 could never be easy: "At long last, I am in control of a major broadcaster and making The retuning is as complex as I ever imagined, but the opportunities are even more exciting.

HIDDEN ASSETS

'Four Weddings' church owes rescue to soap giant



The restored St Clement's Church, West Thurrock, with Procter & Gamble's factory as a backdrop

f all the financially re-warding assets in which a cash-rich multinational could invest, an early 12th-century parish church on an industrial estate on the Thames would surely rank an unlikely last on a

But Procter & Gamble has gone for the unlikely last in renting and restoring St Clement's Church, a fine stone pilgrim church near its West Thurrock detergents plant. Community gratitude was to replace cash returns on this investment, but since the spruce-up, the church has also earned its keep as the location of the funeral in the film Four Weddings and a Funeral.

The church's isolated position. away from any dwellings, has long been blamed for its decline, even from its beginnings as a fisherman's refuge, a low thatched building that was later rebuilt in stone and became the last stop-off point for Canterbury-bound pilgrims before crossing the Thames.

Joanna Pitman on Procter & Gamble's resurrection of a delapidated neighbour

After centuries of desolation and neglect, delapidation set in seriously in the late 19th century and church attendances fell to single figures, resulting in an onand-off closure. By the 1970s the last remaining weekly services had been discontinued in the winter months because of cold and damp. The burdens of maintenance were beginning to prove too heavy for the local community. In 1977, after a history of almost nine centuries, the church was finally deconsecrated.

Industry came to the rescue. "The fact that the church lies in the shadow of a giant soap factory may have led some wag to remark that clearliness is next to godliness. But it also led to its rescue and return to community use,"

says Christopher Harrold, the church historian. "By 1940 the first cases of soap were rolling off the production lines of Procter & Gamble's newest factory in West Thurrock The company has a strong sense of history and I suppose it felt it wanted to put

something into the community in

which it had prospered." In the late 1980s. Procter & Gamble decided that to commemorate its 150th anniversary it would take responsibility for St Clement's Church and churchyard and return them to the use of the community for educational and cultural purposes. The fabric of the church has refurbished. The restored weathercock is a model of the first Ark Royal, a recognition that St Clem-

Medieval clay floor tiles dating back to the 13th and 14th centuries have been excavated and relaid. two medieval doors in the south chapel have been repaired and rehung, and an impressive range of marble monuments and effigies have been remounted. In the north chapel a number of small panels of medieval glass have been preserved and remounted. And a selection of lost 16thcentury brasses have been replaced with replicas set in their original stone bases.

The churchyard has also been restored as far as possible to its medieval character and now contains a wildlife sanctuary stocked with rare plants and shrubs.

The church has had a curious history and still harbours many excellent mysteries. Restorers are still hoping to match the discovery a century ago of a sea captain named Nathaniel Grantham.

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Shares approach 4,000 before rate hopes fade

THE London stock market threw away an early lead to end the week on a flat note as the prospect of a rise in US interest rates next week

loomed large.
In early trading yesterday the FT-SE 100 index reached a new intra-day's high within six points of the 4,000 level before running out of steam. It closed 10.2 points down at 3,964.1 despite an opening rise in the Dow Jones average of almost 30 points. There was a loss on the week of just 3.8.

Lingering hopes that Monday's monetary meeting be-tween the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England will signal a cut in rates have all but vanished.

The Federal Reserve Open Market Committee meets on Tuesday and it now seems certain that US rates will have to rise. Faced with such a threat, the Chancellor is unlikely to consider forcing through any further cuts. especially when the Governor has already signalled he would like to see interest rates back up to 6 per cent.

The number of shares traded overall grew to 786 million with market-makers squaring up positions as the expiry of the September series of the financial future passed off uneventfully.

Among leaders Rentokil dropped 9¹2p to 432¹2p after a large line of shares went through as part of a bought deal. SBC Warburg, the bank, is believed to have picked up 7.53 million shares at 427p before selling them on at 432p and 433p. The seller is thought to have been a recov-ery fund with stock in BET before it was bought by Rentokil.

Sir Clive Thompson. Rentokil chief executive, said: Very few institutional shareholders in BET took cash because the alternative offer was worth much more. As they now take advantage of the strength of the Rentokil share price and sell their stock, it is being snapped up by institutions previously un-

Early attention was focused on Lloyds Abbey, up 2812p at 62012p, as Lloyds TSB confirmed plans to bid for the minority 38 per cent stake it does not already own. The bank is offering 635p a share. valuing the entire group at £4.4 billion. But the offer price fails well short of the 700p being bandied around by spec-



Matthew Clark, which has lost out to "alcopops", fell 712p

ulators earlier in the week. Lloyds TSB tumbled 1212p to 37812p as the City absorbed details of the deal. Two large buyers who snapped up stock in Lloyds TSB on Thursday at 400p are now counting a sizeable paper loss.

News of the deal gave a fresh boost to Legal & General. up 18p at 774p, while Sun Life firmed 134p to 23534p in

day at £15.75. On Thursday the shares topped £16 before closing at a new high on revived talk of a bid from Roche, the Swiss pharmaceutical giant. City speculators say the Swiss are prepared to offer £19.50 a share, valuing Zeneca at about £19 billion.

The pub and restaurant operators enjoyed selective support after a positive trad-

Cadbury Schweppes rose 3p to 508 p. It seems directors were in an upbeat mood at a cocktail party given for David Wellings, the outgoing chief executive, the other night and were confident that Brussels will give the go-ahead for the sale of the group's 51 per cent in Coca-Cola Schweppes Beverages for £623 million.

the wake of figures on Thursday. The insurance composites were also marked higher with General Accident putting on 7p at 680p, Guard-ian Royal Exchange 1'ap at 255p, and Royal Sun Alliance

Boots the chemist rose 512p to 64112p as the market digested details of the acquisition of Laboratoires Lutsia, the skin care specialist, from Rouss Ucial for EUS million.

Zeneca ran into profit-tak ing, finishing 15p lower on th

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ing statement from Greenalis Group, up 14p at 579p, which last year paid more than £500 million for rival Boddingtons. Profits were significantly ahead of last year. The news put some sparkle into Com-pass, up 5¹2p at at 560p, PizzaExpress, 3¹2p to 446¹2p, JD Wetherspoon, 1212p to £10.4212, and Whithread, 512p

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an institutional roadshow designed to halt the recent collapse in the share price and instil fresh confidence in the group after last week's profits warning. The company maintains sales have been ravaged by the introduction of alcohol-ic lemonades. HP Bulmer, which has held market share despite the "alcopops", fell 19p Mirror Group advanced 912p to 222p as Salomon Brothers, the US securities

house reiterated its "buy" recommendation after last week's

nterim figures.

RMC Group bounced back with a rise of 16¹2p at £11.27 after reporting a sharp drop in half-year profits on Thursday. Redland was steady at 455120 ahead of half-year figures next week also expected to show pre-tax profits tumbling from Elő5 million to £86 million.

Signet, the debt-laden jewellery retailer, fell 234p to 23p after confirming talks over the disposal of its H Samuel and Ernest Jones iewellery business with Apax Partners, the venture capital specialist. had been aborted. Apax had been prepared to pay £280 million but terms for the transfer of property leases could not be agreed.

Panmure Gordon, the broker, is a buyer of LucasVarity. up 7p at 24812p, ahead of its debut as a constituent of the top 100 companies on Monday, it has also put FKI, ip firmer at 200p, on its shopping list, but has turned seller of Babcock International, unchanged at 75p.

☐ GILT-EDGED: Brokers reported a further flattening of the yield curve as shorts again lost ground with the prospect fading fast of a further cut in interest accompanying Monday's monetary meeting.

Prices at the longer end were marked higher but business was a low-key affair with investors reluctant to open fresh positions ahead of the auction. At the longer end, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 rose 732 to £99516, while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 rose 1 to to £1037 to. In futures the December

series of the long gilt put on E18 to close at £10758 as 37,000 contracts were completed. □ NEW YORK: A revitalised transport sector led shares on Wall Street higher. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 27.37 points stronger at 5.895.11.

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Match of mutual benefit

SO LLOYDS TSB has at last decided to make an honest woman of Lloyds Abbey Life. After months of speculation, where the Prudential was mooted as a potential rival, the banking group has announced its intention to convert its 63 per cent holding into full ownership. It may be no coincidence that the announcement came as Peter Ellwood was named as the bank's new chief executive. Lloyds TSB seems now to see its future as a leading UK retail bank, providing a range of carpet-slipper-type financial services products. Gone is its past as an international buccaneer. No more will Lloyds be the major player it once was in the

Latin American and other foreign markets.
Lloyds TSB's share price dropped to 378 p at the close yesterday - down 1212p - while Lloyds Abbey Life rose 282p to 6202p. But the purchase makes sense, even though the

bank was bullied into it a little early by the rumour-fuelled rises in the share price.

Insurance offers banks high-quality earnings, with greater predictability than some of their traditional core businesses. Lloyds Abbey Life has produced a string of good results, recording better-than-expected profits for the first six months of this year — a 28 per cent jump to £259 million before tax. Integration of the TSB and Lloyds Abbey Life insurance operations should not be too difficult. Both specialise in unit-linked busi-ness, rather than traditional with-profits policies. It has been suggested that its profile among independent financial advisers could be improved by a strategic acquisition. But with mutual insurers proving resistant to takeover, another option would be to develop more IFA-friendly products.

Signet Group

AFTER several months of talking, Signet this week came within a whisker of agreeing to sell H Samuel and Ernest Jones. Its deci-sion to pull out seems to have been mainly because of worries about contingent liabilities on many of the 600 stores it was proposing to sell. This is understandable. No retailer wants to end up in the highly embarrassing position in which Sears found itself when the shoe

back in its lan after that company collapsed. Signet was also apparently encouraged to believe that it could afford to hang on to the chains by the better than expected trading figures it

stores it sold to Facia ended

reported this week. If the two chains can carry on trading well in the run-up to Christmas, the argument

runs. Signet will have a better chance of persuading its disgruntled preference shareholders to accept a deal under which they will sacrifice some of the £150 million

they are owed in dividends. How amenable they are to this will become clear only in coming weeks. A good trading performance could also. in the long run, mean a

buyer is found for the two jewellers that would pay more than the £280 million Apax was offering. Signet seems convinced it has far more options than anyone else thought, but until it can say that its banks and preference shareholders share its optimism, it would be wise to carry on giving Signet shares a very wide berth.



Greenalls Group

GREENALLS' performance this year has resembled one of those football teams that forever bounces between divisions. The shares received a boost early in the year when the company finally made it to the FT-SE 100. But at the beginning of the summer the company was relegated from the top flight and lost ground as the index funds, which had only bought in a few

months before, sold out. Greenalls is still hovering just below the FT-SE 100 cutoff line and it is not impossible, if the company makes another major acquisition or simply enjoys a strong run of sentiment, that it will go through the same process all over again. But this should not detract from the merits of Greenalls' business. As yesterday's trading statement demonstrated, the company is in good shape and has successfully integrated the

Boddington's acquisition.

Greenalls is also focused on

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the North, away from the overcrowded branded retail market in the South, leaving plenty of room for expansion.

The shares are likely to be a little volatile as long as the FT-SE uncertainty continues. But even after yesterday's rise, they are a long way short of their year high and remain undervalued in comparison with some of the trendier stocks in the sector.

Tradepoint

AFTER a full year of hammering, Tradepoint has so far failed to dent - let alone crack - the edifice of the London Stock Exchange.

Yesterday's results show a miserly 0.042 per cent share of the market. This figure is less impressive still given that it was carved from a small number of deals, worth

an average of £107.000 each. Tradepoint's decision to pitch itself at the market heavyweights is proving to be its undoing.

Its computer network of

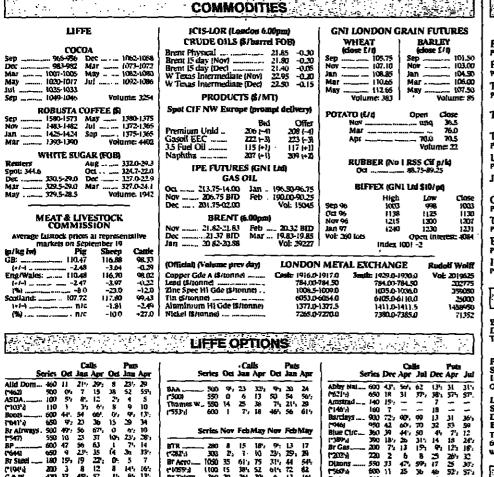
fully electronic, anonymous trading is not appreciated by dealers who still rely on their own network of personal contacts to reach separately

agreed prices. But the Stock Exchange should not feel smug. Tradepoint is test-driving the system which the Exchange itself will introduce to all FT-SE 100 stocks by next August. If this is grinding against City culture, this bodes ill for its carefully orchestrated modernisation.

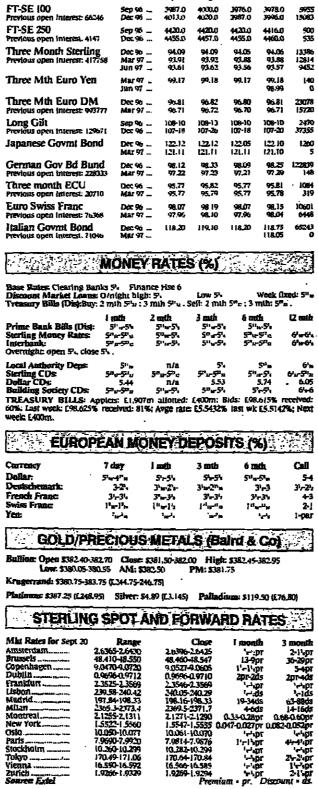
Tradepoint has got there first, and is paying the price for innovation. But when the Exchange catches up, life should get better, not worse, for the newcomer. Its cost base is still a fraction of the Exchange's, it takes a smaller cut in the shares, and it will be the first to put its flag on

overseas investors. Tradepoint's system is ahead of its time and the City But once the culture shock is absorbed, its advantages

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Pensions scandal unresolved

Compensation has yet to be paid to most victims,

Sara McConnell and Adam Jones report

the pressure on life companies to settle the long-running saga of mis-sold pensions increased last week, after moves by unions and the Office of Fair Trading (OFT), a consumer watchdog. Solicitors acting for victims of the scandal have been inundated with fresh requests for help after public sector unions renewed their calls to members to seek redress in the

long-running saga. The OFT this week launched an inquiry into the selling and regulation of personal pen-sions. While the OFT says the inquiry is looking at future strategy, some observers say it will embarass the Personal Investment Authority, which has been accused of dragging its feet over its official review of pension mis-selling.

In addition, Ringrose Wharton, representing the Royal College of Nursing, Unison and GMB says the firm has issued 100 questionnaires in the past two weeks in response to inquiries from union members. The firm has an estimated 400 claimants on its books and has issued 150 writs against insurance companies.

Nearly three years after the issue was first brought to the public's attention, very few of the estimated two million victims have been compensated were wrongly advised by insurance companies and advisers to transfer their funds out of generous company pension schemes and into personal pensions that represented a greater risk and almost certainly poorer value for money. Attempts to get redress have run into

☐ An industry-wide review of mis-sold pensions. started in July 1994, has failed to meet its first two deadlines on investigating and compensating priority cases. Priority cases include those who have already retired, men over 50 and women over 45, and those who opted out of company schemes run by their existing employer in favour of a personal pension.

Unions, claimants and their solicitors accuse the industry of deliberately spinning out the review process to avoid having

to pay up.

A TUC survey last month found that nearly half the respondents had not yet received the initial review questionnaire from the insurance

company or agent that sold them the pension. By April, only 7,000 people had received compensation.

The Personal Investment Authority, monitoring the review, admitted this week that figures next month will confirm that payouts have been made to only a small number of people. It blamed the delay on problems with life company computers and industry infighting.

☐ The Association of British Insurers (ABI) claims delays that are not down to insurance companies but to problems in getting the necessary information both from schemes and from people claiming redress. Insurance companies need details from occupational schemes on the levels of benefits claimants would have got if they had stayed in their employer's schemes before they can work out compensation. But some public service schemes either cannot legally give out information or want to be paid

Others cannot reinstate people without changing their rules. Public service schemes include those for health service workers, local and central government and teachers. Regulators admit this will have caused delays for people who would otherwise have been able to be

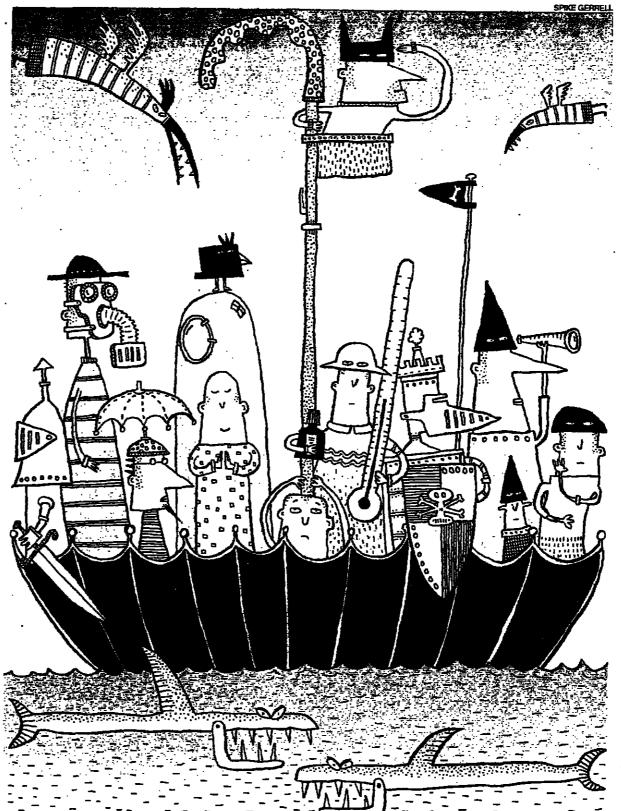
☐ It has taken until this year for insurers and the Government Actuary to agree a basis for working out the cost of reinstating people in public service schemes.

Unions, impatient with review delays, are pressing forward with separate court action in spite of pressure from pension providers to stay within the review. Unison announced this month that it was taking legal action "following hundreds of complaints from distraught members" because it was "dissatisfied with the progress made by the life and pensions industry". The RCN and GMB had previously announced their intention to take legal action.

The first 46 cases will be heard this December in Bristol. The unions hope that this will set the pace for substantial compensation.

Bill Day, pensions officer of the GMB, said: "We are hopeful the cases will set down standards for tens of thousands of pounds worth of compensation. which should alert people that they may be in line for a

But even when people receive compensation, they have no way of knowing if the payout is fair, says Robert Wharton of Ringrose Wharton. Some insurers are refusing to pay the extra cost of having the payout inde-



The pensions mis-selling inquiry is all at sea, with victims yet to be compensated and the sharks still at large

High cost of bad advice

utting your money in the wrong personal pension can cut your final pension fund by more than £60,000 over 15 years, a new survey out next month will show (Sara McConnell writes). High charges and/or poor fund performance dramatically reduce payouts from the worst performers, according to Money Management, the specialist magazine.

Many of those wrongly advised to transfer or opt out of their employer's pension scheme into personal pensions will be in plans that have performed indifferently or inconsis-

tently, the survey results show.
Two months ago, the TUC published a damning report naming the Prudential, Pearl, Legal & General and TSB as among those active in pension mis-selling. Of these companies, only the Pearl ranks among the best with profits policies (for monthly premiums). None appears in Money Management's "best buy" unit linked pensions categories. Five and four star "best buys" are those companies denoting consistently above average performance and include Equitable Life, Norwich Union, Allied Dunbar, Eagle Star and Scottish Equitable.

Someone paying £200 a month into the best performing with-profits fund, Scottish Mutual, will build up a fund of £139,818 after 15 years. The same money going into the worst with-profits performer. Britannia Life, would get just £82,151, a difference of £57,667. On the unit linked side, Sun Life of Canada's managed fund would produce £104,809 after 15 years, while Merchant Investors, would produce just E76,924. The same person investing a single lump sum of £10,000 would get £97,646 from the Pearl's with profits fund after 15 years but only £35,340 from Britannia Life. The EI0,000 in a managed fund would turn into £96,633 with the Pearl but only £54.044 with Skandia. Money Management is available from September 23 at £4.95.

> Weekend Money is edited by Anne Ashworth

King's crowning glory

local paper held out the prospects of big money for people transferring frozen pensions from previous employers into personal pensions (Sara McConnell writes). John King, then 59, responded and was persuad-ed by the firm of independent financial advisers that had placed the advertisement to transfer his frozen company pension of more than £1,100 into a personal pension.

By last year, he realised he had made a mistake. He refused to accept the adviser's offer of compensation. He took his case to the Personal Investment Authority, the Securities and Investments Board and his MP. Mr King's hopes of a peace-

ful retirement were temporarily dashed as he fought a

confusion of regulators. "Letters came from different addresses, you waited for six weeks with no reply, replies were conflicting and there was a general lack of cohesion and co-ordination," he says. Exactly 121 letters later, his case was taken in hand by the PIA ombudsman, who ruled that Mr King should have his pension restored to its original value

Strangely, Mr King's case appears to have slipped through the pensions misselling review net, although his case would have qualified as a priority under the scheme rules. The PIA declined to comment or suggest reasons why this might have been. The resolution of his case, in less than a year, was decidedly slick compared with the



John King: 121 letters

Cash can be a gamble too

imes are tough for top fund managers. Hard on the unfolding Morgan Grenfell debacle, PDFM better known as Phillips & Drew Fund Managers, is on the rack. Over the past 30 months. Tony Dye, its investment chief, has gradually put more of the £50 billion pension funds the group manages into cash and index-linked gilt-edged stocks: about 20 per cent in all. He thinks equity markets do not offer good value. As share prices in New York and London continue to boom intermittently, big clients are starting to complain. Forget long-term strategy, said one, Mr Dye has six months to perform. For this to happen, there has to be a crash. PDFM's moderate caution will hardly

shock private investors. Most of us are perennially 20 per cent liquid, because we need access to cash, because of native prudence or, for many of us, through sheer indolence. Having a fifth of a fund in eash is not the same as being totally liquid, but the issues are much the same.

Selling a boom can make speculators rich, In 1907, Shinnosuke Nomura secured the fortunes of his mighty Japanese house by selling short near the top of a rise, though he only just made it to the ensuing crash. Such tactics rarely pay for long-term investors, because it is harder to spot the buying point after a downtrend than the top of a boom.

The worst modern UK bear market started in summer 1972. As it happens. I identified the top in The Sunday Times but, like others, had little idea what was to come over the next 212 years. One bright fund manager gradually went entirely liquid. By new year 1975, when



Burmah Oil had to be rescued and the end of investment seemed nigh, he looked pretty smart. The FT-SE all-share index had fallen 73 per cent. Then prices jumped 70 per cent in three weeks. Over the piece, his funds were the worst performers, even if the index did not top its 1972 peak until 1977.

Over the long haul, stock prices trend upwards as the economy grows. So it is more important to share in upturns than to avoid slumps. Regular savers should plough on regardless.

Life is not so easy if you have to invest a lump sum or decide when to convert a private pension. Since the 1970s, there have been no long UK bear markets, though prices fell in 1990 and 1994. That is no guarantee for the future. PDFM argues that its standback approach saved clients from being splattered when the 1980s Japanese bubble burst and shares fell 60 per cent in 30 months.

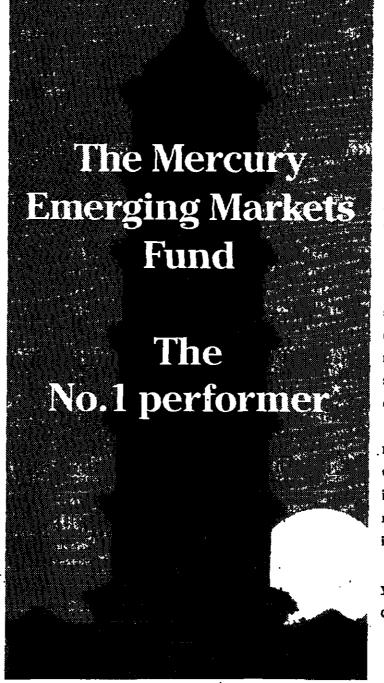
Mini versions of the October 1987 crash, always a seasonal ghost, are now

uptrends are punctuated by short, sharp corrections of varying severity, which blow away froth and get bad news out of the way fast. These are even harder to negotiate but the same principles apply.

Historic and cyclical trends are the usual guides, on share ratings, the gap between dividend yields, bond yields and the interest rate on cash. In the UK, these suggest share prices are near the top of their short-term range, rather than madly overvalued. But money interest rates are low and do not presage any

n Wall Street, historically low yields make prices vulnerable to early rises in interest rates and must be explained away by a trend to lower payouts. That is suspicious, as is the thesis that cyclical patterns have been suspended. In the UK, many question how long high rates of profit growth can be sustained after a step fall in inflation rates. Profit's share of national income can expand a bit more, but not much. Mr Dye, by contrast, fears an upturn in inflation, but there is little sign of that and it would take some time to hit share

Private investors have a rare advantage over the £50 billion fund manager. While markets as a whole may not offer good value, there are still plenty of individual UK shares that should produce good returns at current yields and likely rates of dividend growth. For those who make no claim to market timing. such defensive stocks, along with giltedged, look preferable to cash.



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Does what went up really have to come back down?

magine going up in a hot air balloon. It's fun to start with, and it gets exhilarating the higher you go, but at some point you start to wonder whether it is really sensible to go any further. The New York stock market reached that

point months ago.
It thought it had found the safety valve during the summer, when a drop in prices took some of the hot air out of share prices, but now the market has started to rise again. The Dow Jones industrial average, which had fallen from its pre-summer high of about 5,780, is now back at 100 points above that level. By the start of last week it had risen for eight days in a row. Investors have again begun to wonder why it is rising and how much longer it can go on. David Schulman, chief equi-

ty strategist at Salomon Brothers in New York, said: "Of course the market is overvalued. But it's going to get overvalued some more before this is over."

Mr Schulman is predicting that unless the Federal Reserve Board spoils the party by raising interest rates in the next few days, the Dow will go above 6,200 in the foreseeable future. "If the Fed leaves rates alone, it'll be plain sailing

Richard Thomson looks at the

perils created by the rise and

rise of New York's stock market

through November," he predicted. The reasons are at least twofold. One is the continuing river of money pouring into mutual funds (the US equivalent of unit trusts) from private investors worried about plumping up their retirement provision. In a rising market, fund managers have to invest almost all the new cash to keep up with the index, which only pushes the index higher still.

The other reason is the state of the US economy. It is, at the moment, said by the more bullish analysts to be in a "Goldilocks phase" — not too hot, not too cold, but just right; like the porridge in the fable. At least that was the view until early last week, but the market is jittery and its views change almost daily.

The main worry - that the economy is growing too fast and that the Fed is planning an interest rate increase at its Market Committee meeting on Tuesday - sur-faced strongly in the last few days. That produced a temporary setback in the market's rise, but there is an air of the market fussing over nothing.

If the Fed does raise rates, it is unlikely to be by more than 0.25 per cent, which is not enough to damage the corporate earnings outlook for next year. And there is, in any case. no certainty that it will go for a rate rise since the economic news is by no means conclusive. To some analysts, the iitters over the Fed merely indicate that investors have nothing more important to

ather, any serious threat to share prices seems to come from elsewhere. A renewed bout of hostilities with Iraq could deliver a setback to financial markets, but this is too uncertain for most analysts to factor into their predictions. A sudden surge in US economic strength would also be a negative factor but looks un-

likely at present. And then there is the US current arrangement of a Democratic President Clinton and a Republican-led Congress. Any upset to the status quo would probably, therefore, cause some upset among

The worst would probably be if the Democrats regained control of Congress, upsetting the perceived balance between liberal and conservative forces. If Bob Dole were to win the presidency there might also be some upset, since the bond markets do not like the look of his low-tax, highspending policies. But at the moment none of these risks appears to be a significant threat. One reason for the market setback over the summer was that corporate earnings appeared to faiter, but that is now behind us and most analysts agree that the prospects for next year look

The New York stock market in other words, cannot find any cogent reasons not to keep on rising for the foreseeable that shares are already unusually expensive. Eight months ago, few thought the 6,000 level on the Dow would be reached this year. Now it is within striking distance.

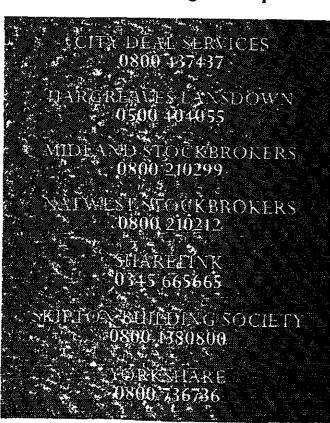
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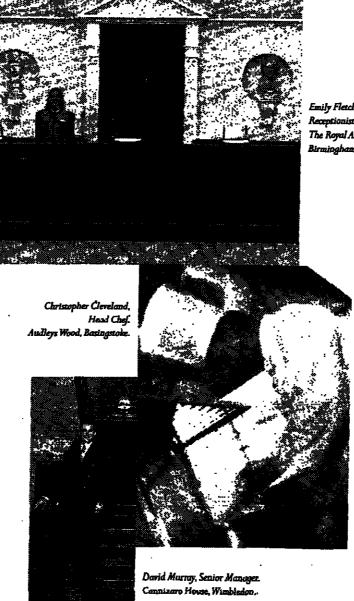




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Morse code that tempts toddlers

idelity Investments is to would be five years." Fidelity target younger investors with its MoneyBuilder range. By offering kiddies' building blocks to promote its latest product, MoneyBuilder Growth, Fidelity would seem to be stealing a march on its competitors as the first fund manager to target toddlers. And they do say youngsters are easily persuaded by marketing. The fund is not exactly new: Fidelity has taken an existing unit trust called UK Dividend Growth Fund, Pepped it, reduced the charges

it. In other words, it has added the Money-Builder

range. The UK Dividend two years old and, says Fideli-"is the best performing

fund since its launch, in the Growth and Income sector". "It's a marketing exercise," ays Mark Bolland of Chamberlain de Broe, the independent financial adviser. "It's a good time to market the fund because two years from launch it should be performing well. It has been buying into a rising market from a

cash position so you would expect it to outperform the markets. The litmus test

stresses that its MoneyBuilder Pep range is "no-load". To toddlers who might not understand the jargon, that means no initial charge. It also comes with no exit fee and an annual management fee of 1 per cent. These are attractive rates that can have a considerable impact on returns. There are plenty of other no-load funds on the market, but Fidelity offers the widest range without exit charges.

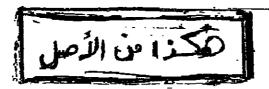
MoneyBuilder Growth is designed for investors who want a small amount of in-

come with capital growth. The minimum investment is £3,000 and there is a monthly savings option

above that amount. The investment stategy of Sam Morse, the fund manager, is to pick companies that show a good track record in dividend growth. "To me a company which can consistently increase its dividend year after year is a very attractive proposition. Companies which have achieved this have tended to perform better than those which have not," says Mr

SARAH JONES





Old failing of too little too late

f a week is a long time in politics, then what is two years? In 1994, when the personal pen-sions scandal was at its height, the Office of Fair Trading should have intervened. Instead this supposed guardian of coninterests stayed strangely silent as if the plight of the 500,000 individuals cajoled from company schemes into inferior personal pensions was a

This week the OFT has finally entered the fray, the announcement that it is to investigate the personal pensions indus-try. It will examine "consumers' experiences in buying pensions, the effect of their choices on pension entitlement and the potential for detriment".

However, the move has come too late. What the OFT delicately terms the "innate weaknesses" in the system have already been exposed. Meanwhile, the body seems to have no remit to speed up the payment of compensation to those who have fallen victim to these imperfec-tions. The OFT explains that it wishes to look forward, to learn lessons from the past, finding out why the Australians and the Chileans are so proficient with their pension arrange-

The long, frustrating wait

for the three million

plus savers and borrow-

ers with the Alliance &

Leicester will soon be over.

After many months of

tantalising members by an-

nouncing flotation plans without revealing any details of

how many free shares will be

offered, the society this week

said it would start mailing its

conversion plans to members

in November. The voting date

their balances fall below £100

should top up their accounts

now or risk losing out. Al-

though the society has been

sparing with the details of its

flotation, a few features have

emerged. One novel twist is

that the Alliance & Leicester is

allowing share account hold-

ers who had balances of less

than £100 at December 31,

1995 — the qualifying date — to

Anyone who fails to replen-

the voting date.

This means that share account holders who have let

will follow in December.



COMMENT

ANNE ASHWORTH Personal Finance Editor

ments, in contrast to the illvictims of mis-selling have prepared British. It is cerbeen able to complete even the first step of the compentainly true that our reluctance to save for old sation procedure. The PIA, age is a serious problem that, if unresolved, spells catastrophe for the next the watchdog responsible for the review, must bear much of the responsibility for this prevarication. But its unwillingness to cencentury. But confidence cannot be restored until past wrongs are put right. On page 31, we report on the delays, dissension and missed deadlines that consure openly its insurance company and financial adviser members aids and abets their bad behaviour. tinue to plague the person-So flawed are its systems al pensions review, begun that one Times reader seekin July 1994. Those of a ing recompense for bad advice on a pension transcynical turn of mind will not be surprised to learn fer was mistakenly directthat everyone is blaming everyone else for the lack of ed to another compensation channel where, progress. Claimants, their paradoxically, his case was lawyers and their union settled. leaders accuse the insur-The PIA should now ance companies of dragpublicly reprimand those

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ly consider how a powerful investor watchdog can en-sure that a nation feels secure in planning and saving for its retirement. It will not find an example at

Secret society

The Alliance & Leicester Building Society's vow of si-lence over the full details of its conversion plans remains unbroken. This week the society would neither confirm nor deny that any saver with less than £100 in an account should replenish it as soon as possible, or risk exclusion from the free share distribution. Anyone in such a position would be well advised to rush round to their branch now. However, you will not hear this tolerate this lack of openness until they receive their payout. Then they may choose to take their custom elsewhere in a growing savings market that from next week will include the Prudential. The Pru is launching its own deposit-taking division, preparatory to buying a building society. Perhaps it is the A&L's fear that it may be the subject of the Pru's desire that lies behind its hush-hush dash to the stock market.

Wait over for **A&L** members

Share account

holders should top up their

balances or risk

losing out, says

Karen Zagor

bonus, which will also be

offered to children. Savers arfd borrowers who were on the books at December 31, last year, must remain with the society until it floats bring their accounts back up and converts to a bank in the to the £100 level 56 days before spring. Anyone who rushed to open an Alliance & Leicester account at the beginning of ish their account in time will this year when speculation get only the statutory cash about the society's plans



reached fever pitch will not qualify. Nor will those holding deposit-type accounts only. And while Alliance & Leicester owns Girobank, the 1.3 million Girobank customers will not benefit from the flotation.

It is widely expected that Alliance & Leicester will reward about three million members with more than £800 worth of free shares. It is still

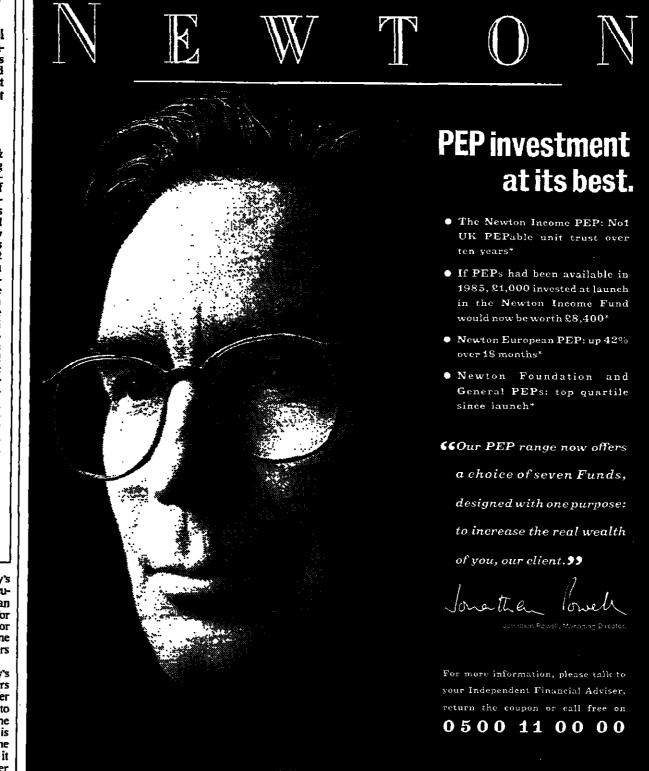
unclear whether the society's plans include a basic distribution for all members plus an extra variable distribution for those with bigger balances, or whether it will give the same amount of shares to all savers

Peter White, the society's chief executive, says members should receive the transfer statement in plenty of time to absorb the details before the vote. The main document is 100 pages - so hefty that the society had to test getting it through a variety of letter boxes to make sure the Post Office would be able to deliver it - but there will be a

summary sheet at the front. The cost of conversion has not been cheap. Mr White estimates it will cost about £50 million, of which £10 million will be for postage. It is possible that members will vote against the flotation plan,

but this is unlikely.

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The older the dearer

In the third part of a series on

health insurance, Helen Pridham

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age-related costs

The older you get, the more expensive it is to buy private medical insurance. And while policyholders currently receive basic rate tax relief of 24 per cent on their premiums at the age of 60, this goes only a small way to mitigating the high cost. If Labour forms the next government and proceeds with its proposal to remove tax relief. the problem will get worse.

Many are already finding the cost of existing policies prohibitively high when they reach their 60s and 70s. Stephen Walker of Medical Insurance Services of Brighton, says: "Just when people really start to need their policies, they find they are least able to afford them."

He recommends that buyers should check policies for any age-related increases in premiums, beyond medical inflation rises, to determine what the costs to them will be in later years. George Connelly of Health Care Matters of Dor-chester, says: "Historically. medical inflation has been well above normal inflation so it would be wise to assume that such increase will, on average,



be double normal inflation." Age-related premium increases may occur every five or ten years. "It is not unusual for a premium to increase by up to 60 per cent between age 60 and 70." says Mr Connelly.

There are some companies however, that impose few. if any, age-related increases. OHRA, the Dutch insurer that provides full inpatient and outpatient cover under its policies. falls into this category but does not accept new customers over the age of 60.

Many who have enjoyed private medical insurance through a company scheme often do not start looking at individual poli-cies until they retire and are already over the age of 60. Mr Connelly recommends that they try their existing company insurer as a first port of call because that way they may get ongoing cover for existing complaints - but they often find the premiums are astronomical".

Most insurers do accept new members at older ages and the benefits remain much as before, depending on the level of cover chosen, with small modifications to ensure that the policy qualifies for tax relief. This usually involves dropping any cash benefits given if treatment takes place under the NHS as well as any payments towards

Some policies for the over-60s are more restrictive. Bupa has recently relaunched its Bupa SeniorCare policy. As a costcontrol measure, it now offers a much more limited range of hospitals to choose from: down

alternative treatments.

from 800 plus to 170. One reader, aged \$2 and a member of Bupa for the last 30 years, feels pressure is being put on existing policyholders to

change to the new scheme. "It reduces the choice of hospitals in our area from II to two and they are both about an hour's drive away, which would make it more difficult for my wife. who is 79, to visit me in hospital and vice-versa," he said.

Peter Fermoy, of Bupa. said senior policyholders were being encouraged to migrate to the new scheme, but it was not compulsory. "If they don't though, they will miss out on the extra benefits". These include £1,000 of nursing home care.

The Exeter Friendly Society's Preferred scheme is popular among the over-60s, says Mr Walker. "It has no age-related premium increases once you become a policyholder. But there are limits on outpatient

Another way of keeping premium costs down is to accept an excess — if you are sure you will be able to afford the initial cost of your treatment. Another tip is never to cancel an existing policy until you are covered by an alternative when considering a switch. Existing conditions may not be covered under the new policy.

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APPLICATION FORM

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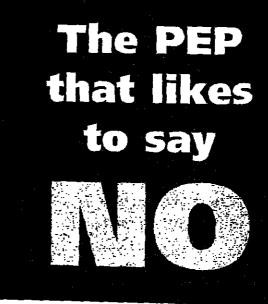
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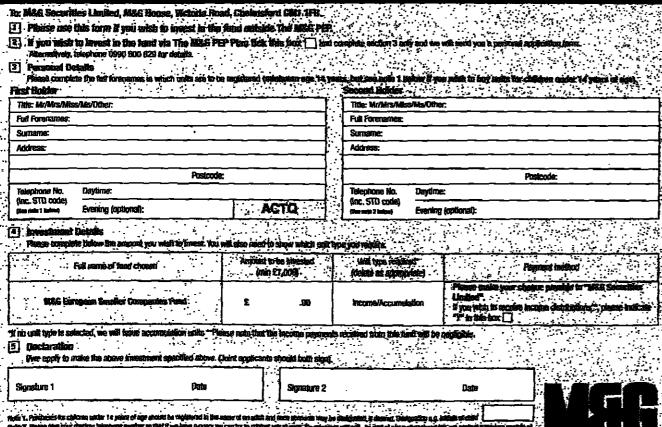


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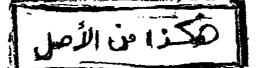
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Why trusts are on song in Europe



come under the spotlight in recent weeks. The biggest shock was the news that Morgan Grenfell had suspended trading in its European Growth Trust after trading irregularities. This week, Morgan Grenfell dis-missed Peter Young, the fund's manager. Then there was the hostile takeover bid of the Kleinwort Benson European Privatisation Investment. Weekend Money looks at the prospects for European trusts.

Do the problems at MG mean that European trusts are more risky than those investing elsewhere?

No. The problems could just as easily have arisen in a fund investing in the UK, the US or anywhere else. However, MG's difficulties highlight the fact that European trusts can be a riskier proposition than some of those investing in them may realise. The problem, says Laurence Boyle, director of Williams de Broe, the stockbroker, is that often "you are not comparing apples with apples". Some trusts will be heavily invested in French and German blue chips, others in in smaller Scandinavian companies, say. You are unlikely to find any of the former



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at the top of the performance tables, but they may be a far

Is Europe a good investment prospect generally?

Yes, with the above caveat and as part of a balanced portfolio. The US market is currently overpriced - "defying gravity", in the words of Keivan Borhani, investment director

at Murray Noble, the financial adviser - and the UK is following in its wake. Europe offers far better value and growth prospects. towards monetary

union mean currencies are likely to remain relatively stable; and Eastern Europe is providing opportunities that will benefit companies from Community countries.

How can investors be safeguarded from a repetition of what happened with MG? The Securities and Investments Board is reviewing the rules on trusts' ownership of unlisted stock. Whatever SIB does, investors and their ad-

visers should questions asset allocafunds already guarantee to hold a minimum chips, and any one stock. In any event, fund managers are likely to become increasingly sensitive about their exposure to unlistea stocks and reduce it

accordingly. The MG situation also highlights the need

to have a strong parent com-Bank, can step in in the event of difficulties.

Does this mean that now is actually a good time to buy a

Ironically, yes. Advisers are likely to be more cautious in the providers they recommend. Alan Emery, director at Berry Birch & Noble, says his firm will not be alone in having reviewed the companies on its approved panel and sought reassurance from some on their financial sec-

Unit trust providers admit privately to having reacted to the news about MG with a rapid review of their own funds' volatility and exposure to unlisted stocks.

Mr Borhani adds that if some investors are deterred. this may benefit those who are not. For example, M&G — no relation to Morgan Grenfell was downplaying its expectations for the launch of its European smaller companies unit trust last week. While a smaller-than-expected number of investors may be bad news for M&G, it may be good news for those who do go in, says Mr Borhani.

There is an argument for aying that the smaller the fund, the better the performance you can expect." Smaller amounts are easjer for a fund manager to buy and sell quickly to take advantage of market changes, he says. For the investor, it is a very good time to go into European

According among the best buy funds on offer are: Gartmore European Select Opportunities; HTR (Henderson Touche Remnant) European Valve: Old Mutual European: Schroeder European Smaller Companies; Baring Europe Select: Jupiter European Growth.

Advisers are fairly unanimous that anyone already invested in the suspended MG fund should stay put, at least for the time being. But given Deutsche Bank's intervention and MG's otherwise

good name, should new investors ечеп consider buying into the fund? At the moment,

advisers are hanging fire on whether to advise new customers to invest in MG's Euro-Growth Trust. Robert Guy, director John

Charcol, says his firm will decide once it has assessed the track record of the new fund manager put in Young. quite likely MG will find

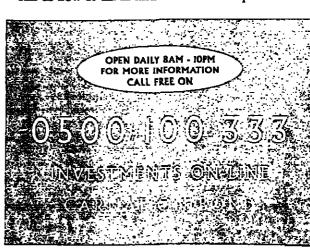
its way back on to Charcol's "buy" list. He adds that, given all the bad publicity, MG is unlikely to put other than one of its best fund managers at the helm. "If there is one fund Morgan Grenfell will want to see perform well over the next few

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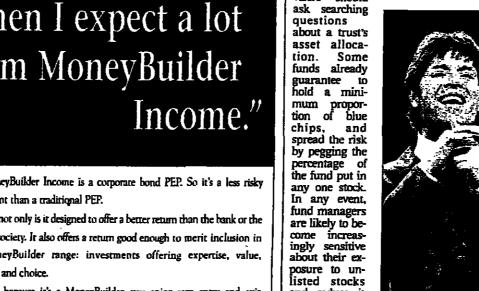
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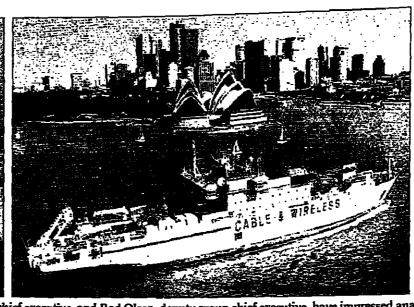
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Why have the shares performed so erratically? The shares soared in the

spring in anticipation of a merger between Cable & Wireless and British Telecom, which would have created a £35 billion global telecoms group. But as prospects of a merger retreated in May, so did the share price. Hard on the heels of the thwarted merger, the announcement that Richard Brown was to take over as chief executive did little to halt the decline. Although Mr Brown was a veteran of the American telecoms industry, he was an unknown quantity to the City, and the weak share price reflected the City's continued uncertainty about the company's future.

Why is the new appointment so important?

For many months before the

A talk from the

new C&W chief does wonders

for investors

confidence, says Karen Zagor

May announcement, C&W had been a juggernaut without a captain. In November its

chairman, Lord Young of Graffham, was ousted in a boardroom battle along with James Ross, its chief executive. While Rod Olsen quickly took charge as acting chief executive, the transience of his tenure meant C&W was unlikely to undergo a radical overhaul.

At the same time, most analysts were agreed that C&W needed a bit of a shakeup. Concern has centred on the company's dependence on profits from its majority stake in Hongkong Telecom. Al-though Hongkong Telecom is undoubtedly the star of the C&W stable, the imminent arrival of China in the territory makes it difficult to predict how Hongkong Telecom will fare in the future.

In addition, there is a growing belief that C&W's strategy of taking minority stakes in companies in too many countries does not make business sense. So when Mr Brown introduced himself to the City. analysts were looking for signs that the new chief was

willing to make some necessary changes. What does the future hold for

Cable and Wireless?

It is, of course, too early to say whether the new chief executive will be able to drive the company to higher earnings and an improved performance for shareholders, but, after

meeting Mr Brown, many analysts are optimistic. James Ross at ABN Amro Hoare Govett, which issued a "buy" note on the shares after the meeting, cited Mr Brown's upbeat, aggressive and direct appearance and noted that his bonus payment depends on earnings growth of 15 per cent a year, compound, over three years. Mr Ross particularly liked Mr Brown's emphasis on improving efficiency at the same time as pushing for sales growth. If sales continue to grow by at least 8 per cent a year at the same time as keeping costs level, then overall operating profits could grow by over

ket avera Chris McFadden at Merrill

20 per cent a year, leading to

earnings growth above the mar-

on the shares from "neutral" to "accumulate" noted that Mr Brown planned to tackle some of the company's more speculative investments as a way of improving shareholder value. Merrill Lynch now expects the shares to hit 500p within the

How have the shares fared since privatisation?

Like other companies that were sold off in stages, the performance of C&W shares depends largely on which stage of the process you look And, like most privatisations, the early issues did far better than the later ones.

Those who bought into the first stage, in November 1981. bought into a goldmine. Stock splits have muddied the waters. The issue price was the equivalent of only 28p a share. Today, the shares trade at about 452p, a breathtaking improvement. Those who bought in November 1983 also did well, paying the equivalent 68.75p per share. But the performance of the third and final tranche, in March 1985. will have had far more modest gains, since the issue price was equivalent to a more helty 146.75p.
Unlike some privatisations.

C&W did not attract millions of investors: the first tranche of shares, sold in November 1981. was one of the first privatisations, attracting about 26,000 shareholders. By the end of the third stage, in 1985. C&W had about 211,000 shareholders. Today the numbers Lynch, who raised his rating are closer to 171,000.

Sarah Jones studies a high street portfolio

Bargain-hunting at the bank

seven years but most people still cannot help calling it a building society, partly because of the way Abbey behaves. Take the latest product launch, the Savings Bonds - it has a definite homely ring about it:

"We have reviewed our portfolio to make our bonds easier to understand and provide

five years," says a spokesman. Promotional literature will feature a boomerang to symbolise that all five bonds offer a guaranteed rate of

return. "Guarantee" is the catchword attached to many building society products these days. But one of the new Abbey bonds does offer a unique way of coping with the

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by this time next year. The base-rate bonus is a formula Abbey has used with its fixed-rate Tessa. On top of a fixed 7 per cent return, a l per cent per annum bonus if paid if the average base rate exceeds the previous year's average by at least 1 per cent. Minimum opening balance is £1,000.

quickly to reach 7.25 per cent

A second Savings Bond also follows the escalator format. The Stepped Options Bond can be taken over a three or fouryear term with interest rates increasing every six months up to 8.5 per cent gross. But like all escalator bonds the final interest rate hides the lower average rate: 6.6 per cent for three years, 7.03 per cent for four years. Minimum balance is £5,000. For a three-year term, the Abbey is easily beaten by a new bond from Bradford & Bingley paying 7.25 per cent on £1,000, and one from the York-

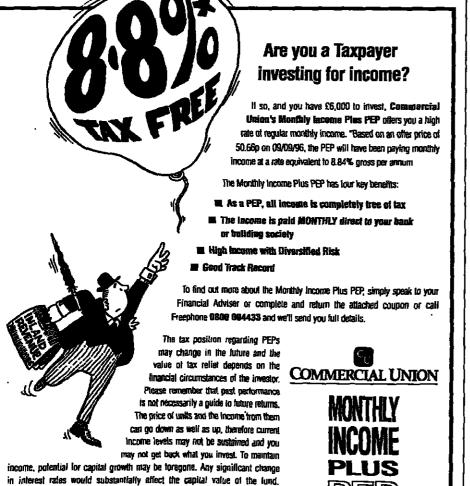
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The remaining bonds appear to compete directly with National Savings. Abbey's Retirement Savings Bond (7.25 per cent gross annually fixed for five years) betters the NS Pensioners Bond's 7 per cent. But if you need monthly interest there is little in it as the Abbey rate drops to 7.02 per cent. The beauty of the NS bond is interest is paid gross - with Abbey you need to fill out an R85 form. Minimum balance is £2,500.

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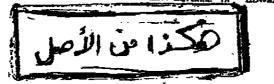
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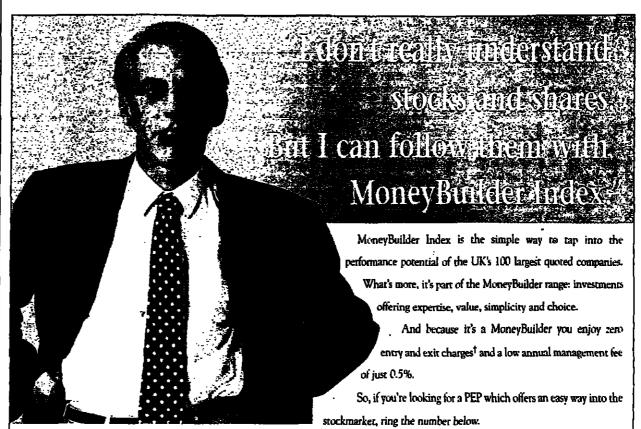
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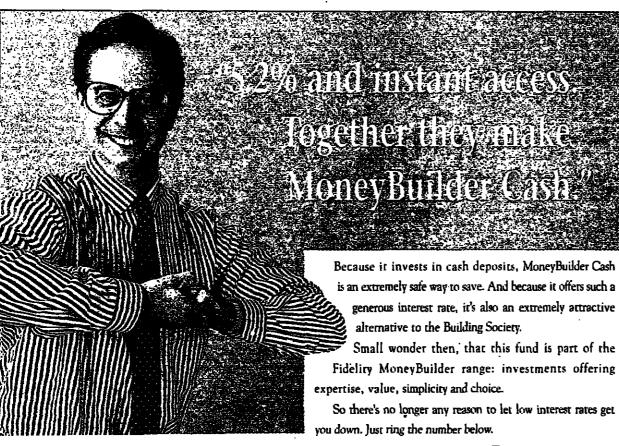
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Angels who fell prey to tax temptations

The Business Expansion Scheme (BES), the public's first foray into venture capitalism, has funded enterprises as diverse as Chinese restaurants, university lodgings and film projects, such as CFC, the special effects company that worked on Memphis Belle.

The first BES opportunities came in 1983. Their aim was to encourage wealthy investors to support unquoted trading companies, and so to create employment. Subscribers were given tax relief at their highest rate on investments of up to £60,000. Some have had exceptionally good returns, but others are now sitting on losses.

The annual tax-free return for 1996 will be an average of 17 per cent. By 1998, when the final schemes expire, that average will have fallen to about 13 per cent, reflecting the dip in interest rates towards 1993.

But while the investors in these schemes will walk off happily into the sunset, thousands more would-be business angels are locked in to their unquoted company shares by heavy losses.

This split in investors' fortunes is largely historical. From 1983 to 1988, most schemes involved unquoted trading companies and investors received up-front tax relief on their money at the highest marginal rate of tax. In addition, there was no capital gain on any profit on the redemption of the shares after the five-year qualifying period. But the market exploded in 1988 when the rules were extended to include residential property companies which let out property under an assured tenancy. Non-property BES vanished almost over-

Maurice Fitzpatrick, senior tax consultant at Chantrey Vellacott, the accountant, said: The rule changes were a real shot in the arm to the rented property sector. But they also served to crowd out almost everything else. People asked 'If you can invest in a quasiguaranteed asset backed company, why bother investing in high-risk unquoted companies such as technology stocks?" Less than I per cent did after 1988."

In addition, assured tenancy had given landlords the right to evict non-paying tenants, thereby guaranteeing a steady flow rental income. "It provided an opportunity to invest into what effectively was a residential property giving you a fair

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The cast of Memphis Belle was helped by BES funding

market return, of, say, 10 per cent per annum. Coupled with generous tax relief and asset the investments proved irresistible," said Mr Fitzpatrick. BESt Investment. the stockbroker and market researcher, calculates that between August 1988 and December 1993, when the shemes were abolished, more than £3 billion poured into residential property companies. An estimated £2.4 billion of that went into some form of guaranteed scheme. Most of those mature over the

next three years. Investors who opted for the guaranteed, or contracted exit, schemes have fared the best. The return on their investment was guaranteed at the outset by one of two methods. Either the company set the price of the repayment to shareholders at the inception of the scheme by banking the cash on a fixedterm deposit, which it cashed in when the scheme matured. Or, investors were given a loan

back immediately after they had paid for the shares, so that the company effectively bought out its investors, who in turn benefited from tax breaks. Most of this was made possible by the artificial nature of the schemes. whereby the property was presold at a fixed price, for example to universities for student

for those who placed their cash with non-guaranteed schemes, the picture has been bleaker. More than £600 million was raised by entrepreneurial property schemes, and many investors are now trapped into BES shareholdings whose value fell with the collapse of the property market. According to BESt Investment, returns, where good, have often done only marginally better than bank deposit interest. David Cartwright, venture

capital partner at Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, said:

teed scheme or you went for a non-guaranteed high-risk. high-reward strategy. Some companies aspired to allow inflation to take care of property values and, with hindsight. were inevitably caught out.3

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Ironically, the problem for those who have lost money because of the fall in the value of their shares is compounded by the generous tax regime surrounding the scheme. On the upside, investors usually end up paying only 60p in the pound for their shares because of the 40 per cent tax relief on entry for higher-rate taxpavers and they also pay no tax on the gain falling out at maturity. On the downside they get no tax relief for capital losses: if the share value disappears, your money goes too. Like the many thousands of private householders caught in the negative equity trap, loss-making BES investors are putting their hopes on a revival in the residential property market.

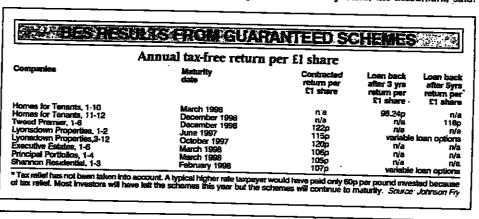
listair Altham, Johnson Fry's marketing director, said: "It appears the vast majority of the directors in these companies have taken a and held on to their investments. Where they have decided to hold on for a while, they have often done so by taking stens to reduce the overhead costs of running the company to improve shareholder returns."

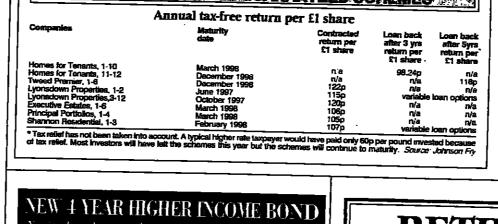
Not everyone is satisfied that the reason behind the downturn in such property values lies solely with the economy. Peter Du Boff, a private-client adviser, said: "Some directors of BES companies clearly invested fairly badly in the first place. Some invested too quickly because of the need to invest within the Inland Revenue's two-year deadline to qualify for the tax relief."

Tim Villiers of EIBESA, the industry trade body, says investors should not sit idle if they believe that the company is being mismanaged. There is no doubt that the more active an interest these BES investors take in the management of the company, the better the chance they have of getting a return on their investment," he said. "They have the same rights as other shareholders and may attend annual meetings, ask questions and vote."

The BES teaches valuable lessons. Mr Cartwright said: Some people have been surprised that returns have not been as good as expected, but that is often what happens where high tax reliefs are offered up-front. It is a warning if a scheme is to be successful people will not go into it without high tax incentives. Yet investors should realise that putting money into unquoted companies is inevitably risky." BES proves the old adviser's adage that you should never invest simply for tax reasons.

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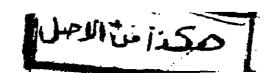
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Household budgets turn automatic for the people

some people means throwing receipts and bank statements into a box and praying their account is not overdrawn. But for an increasing number of computer-literate folk, specialist software is keeping the bank at bay and helping them to get to grips with such time-consuming issues as pensions and tax

According to personal fi-nance software companies, more than 1.1 million UK households have bought personal finance packages more than have cable television. Some buyers will have tried the packages and revened to paper. But others swear by products such as Microsoft Money, Intuit Quicken and Sage Instant Accounts, the three market leaders.

The typical personal finance software package helps people to budget and control family finances, automating about everything you hate about financial management and even flashing reminders each time a bill needs to be paid, if a program is so set.

Small business owners and home workers who often find paperwork a burden can track VAT and foreign currency spending, print their own cheques from the packages and have the amount automatically recorded in the section for account details.

"What ifs" are also catered for. For example, an increase in school fees can be entered in, alerting the user that there will not be enough money available by the end of a given period to meet other bills.

in order to get started, a user will need at the very least a Windows personal computer or Macintosh computer with at least eight megabytes of Ram (random access memory) and a personal finance pro-

Kevin Hayward, a Warwickshire post-man and father of two, bought his first

computerised personal finance package three years ago. He had read about Intuit's

Quicken in a computer magazine and thought it might belp to plan a tight budget.

"With Quicken I'm in control of all my

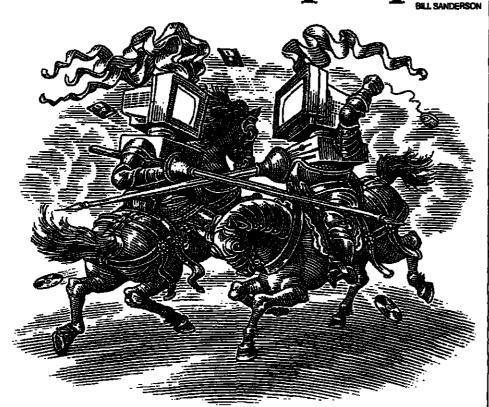
finances and I no longer get letters from my

bank telling me I'm overdrawn," he said. "It

acts as a diary, reminding me when payments are due and because it adds and

subtracts all my incomings and outgoings it

means that I don't make any mistakes



Rival computer groups are battling for a share of the personal finance software market

gram, the cost of which starts

at about £30. The software needs to be loaded on to the computer. Initially, the program takes the user through a series of basic questions about earnings and expenditure. It then automatically collates the fig-ures, and files them away in categories ready to be used or added to later.

By next year, users will also be able to use the software to dial into their banks from home 24 hours a day, check their balances and pay bills electronically in a computerised version of telephone banking. Microsoft says that its next version of Money, due

banking ready". In the United States, Intuit

and Microsoft are locked in a battle to do deals with banks in which Ouicken or Money is used on home computers allowing users 24-hour access to their banks. In the UK, many of the high street banks are testing PC home banking. Barclays is test running software that it wrote itself. though others will use Microsoft or Intuit products because so many customers

already own that software. Personal finance packages are not all good news. To be successful, a user must have enough self-motivation to en-

mortgage, standing orders, direct debits and

annual payments such as insurance and

MOT and recently found the package useful when a computer magazine sent him a renewal subscription bill. "I did a search and

found it wasn't due until January. Other-

wise, I would have paid five months before it was due." Mr Hayward also uses the

program's "what if" facility, which forecasts

which months he will need to work overtime

to make ends meet. Mr Hayward convinced

Phillipa Reeve, his partner, to put her

finances on the computer as well and the

out this year, will be "online" ter financial information in the program. Users have been critical of both Microsoft Money and Intuit Quicken in particular for failing to provide more than "overgrown leaflets" as instruction manuals. To get help, they must use computerised manuals. which some find less "user-

friendly" than paper. In future, leading packages are expected to come to terms with the Inland Revenue's new change to the tax system in 50 years. Soon, users will be able at the push of a button to assemble the figures needed by the taxman.

The Sage Instant Accounting package, for example, is expected to be modified next year to help with self-assessment. Both Intuit Quicken and Microsoft Money include categories for tax-related entries... For home users, either

Quicken or Money will fulfil most needs. Small businesses would be advised to look at Sage Instant Accounting. It is worth noting, however, that where one program boldly goes, the competition will follow and those who wire up their finances are likely to find all of the leading packages up

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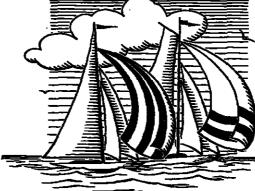
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Disabled suffer in societies' shareouts

From Mr A. Wright

Sir, Anne Ashworth's article headed "Disabled suffer in societies' shareouts" (August 24) reminded me of my own experience. After I became disabled. I could park outside the bank within my limited walking distance. I needed to use the counter facilities as I am unable to manage cash

Disabled can bank on struggling on

dispensing machines. When this branch closed, I was directed to one with a bus lane outside and nowhere to park. so I had to change banks.

A road improvement scheme has now made it impossible to get into this bank. However, with a switch

card I can obtain cash for dayto-day small expenses from the supermarket, where there is always ample parking

This has avoided the need to search for a bank that I can enter and the possibility that further road improvements

present position. I hope Mr David Dukes is successful in his attempt to attract government interest to the plight of his disabled daughter. Yours faithfully.

ALAN WRIGHT. 3 Enderley Road. Harrow Weald.

PIA coping with complaints

From Mr S. Edell

Sir, The headline to Sara McConnell's article about the Ombudsman Bureau (Weekend Money, September 7) is PIA admits complaints department is in chaos". The assertion is factually incorrect: it is also unsupported by the text which follows the headline. In reality, we are dealing with complaints in an orderly and effective manner.

It is true that we are suffering some delay, although not as much as is suggested in the article. Difficulties in matching resources to requirements are likely to occur in an organisation which is demand led and therefore unable to control its

workload, particularly where there is little track record for guidance. These were temporarily exacerbated by the merger of complaints-handling schemes to which Ms McConnell refers. However, we have tackled the problem energenically and made much progress in recent months. This is a process we intend to continue until we are fully satisfied with the result.

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN EDELL Ombudsman,

Personal Investment Author-Ombudsman Bureau Third Floor. Centre Point

103 New Oxford Street, WC1.

Which? objectivity on its own product

From Professor P. Badham

Sir, Fears that the Consumers' Association would not be impartial about their own credit card have been confirmed in today's Which? where their own card is listed as a "Best Buy" for those who pay in full.

This verdict is arrived at by explicitly excluding from consideration the perks offered by other cards, details of which are on a factsheet for which one has to telephone to request but which is not printed in the

magazine. Yet, by excluding perks, all calculations of benefit are totally distorted.

For example, on Which?'s assumptions, a "usual payer"

spends £2,700 per year on a card. If such a person used a card offering air miles as a perk, they could obtain £200 off a package holiday once every four years.

A benefit worth £50 a year clearly more than compensates for an annual charge of

Not to mention this and similar perks means that Which? has abandoned any objective comparison of the product that it purports to be evaluating.

Yours faithfully. PROFESSOR PAUL BADHAM. 4 Coed Y Bryn

Medical insurance not a perk

From Mr W. Deller

Sir, Anne Ashworth (Pensioners take on GEC over health benefits, August 31) refers to Plessey pensioners having been given private medical insurance as a retirement

In my case, which is that of a fairly typical Plessey pensioner, private medical insurance was available as an employment condition because it increased my effectiveness as an employee of the company. At a time of company rationalisation and site closure, the continuation of private medical insurance was offered, and accepted, as a

condition of early retirement. Yours faithfully, WILLIAM DELLER, 42 Surley Row,

Reading. Berkshire.

Computer error compounded

From Ms J. Alexander

Sir, On Saturday, September 7, you published a letter from me concerning the sheer incompetence of Lloyds Bank when they charged me interest on a transfer that I had requested from one account to another, which they then failed to carry out.

I am sure your readers will be amused and frustrated to learn that I have now received notification that my account is to be further charged £20.31 for the ramifications of the original error.

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Yours faithfully, JULIE ALEXANDER. 50 Radnor Walk,

Where the cheque's in the photocopier

From Mr Hugh J. Davies

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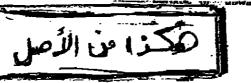
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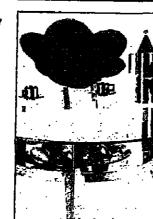




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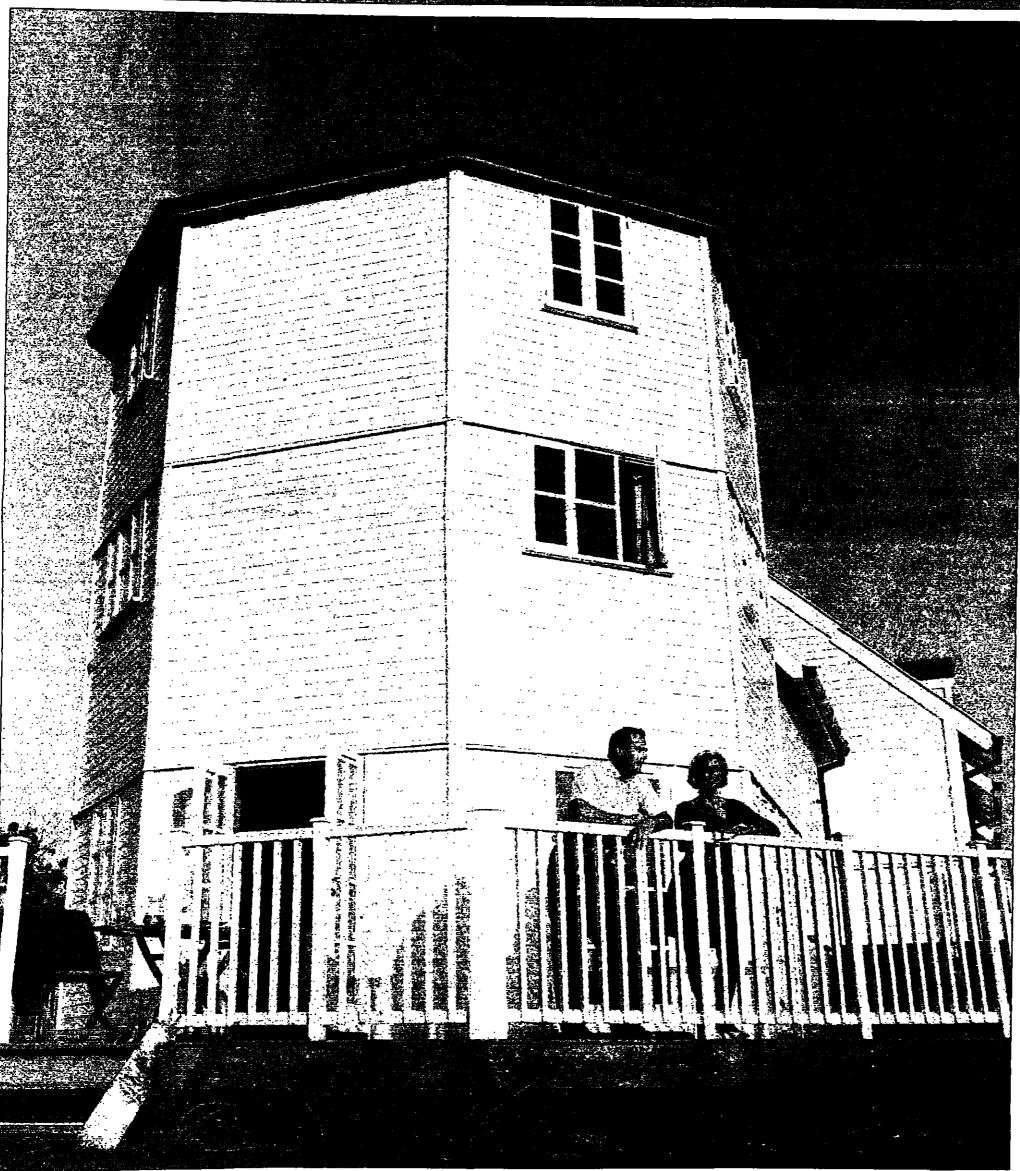
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WE'RE ALL SECOND-HOME OWNERS HERE



People who want to relax at the weekend now buy their country cottages brand new.

Peter Barnard reports

f watching the grass grow is about as much stress as you can handle at the weekend, there are places in the countryside where the pace of growth is even more relaxed than elsewhere. Developers who have set the latest trend in second homes have thought of everything. Yes, they even plant slow-growing grass. This keeps the lawn mower in the garden shed rather than racing along before some puffing executive who thought this was a weekend off. And the evidence is that the policy works for elevented. evidence is that the policy works, for slow-growing grass has become the curious emblem of a significant switch in the provision of second homes.

A cottage in the country used to mean just that roses round the door, mice in the attic, leaks in the roof, dust, dirt, rot. People would return to the city on Sunday night with blist-ered hands and paint-streaked hair. They rushed back to the office on Monday morning to put their feet up. All that is changing. There is still demand for country cottages, but now the smart money is going into new ones.

However, there are two distinct trends within this new market, which can be defined as lifestyle homes and new-old homes.

People may not want to paint walls and scrub floors at the weekend, but many do want plenty of activity without the hassle of driving from place to place. Therefore developments, often built around lakes reclaimed from gravel pits, offer boating, fishing and other activities.

Isis Lakes, a Watermark development at

South Cerney, near Cirencester, Gloucestershire, has most of the elements necessary for the trouble-free designer weekend. The homes are marketed as lodges. They do not pretend to be permanent homes and, indeed, planning regulations prevent their use in that way, but a second home can be used all-year as long as the owner has another, principal address.

"Turn left at the end of this road and keep an eye out for something that looks Dutch," a woman in South Cerney told me. From that description, there was no mistaking Isis Lakes, as the photograph here demonstrates: these are windmills minus the blades.

he other trend, for new-old homes, is very British: it serves our propensity for looking back in wonder. Millions of people with no real interest in classical music gather for the Last Night of the Proms, with its evocation of former glories. We buy new wood and painstakingly varnish it, the fastest route to a weathered appearance. This love of tradition seems to mean that we are suckers for the notion of a new house which arrives complete

with its own history: age, literally, built in.
To explain how this oddity works we must consider that staple of building down the years, the humble brick. The thing about a new brick is that it is three inches in depth. But at Carter's Leaze, in Great Wolford, Warwickshire, where the houses are mostly built of newly quarried Cotswold stone, there are some most interesting garages, if you will accept for a moment that a garage can be most interesting.

These garages were constructed from bricks two and a half inches deep, reclaimed by Ivor Johnson and his brother Martin, the site's developers and builders. A two-and-a-half-inch brick is a pleasing sight it looks old. These bricks used to be a warehouse near Manchester. It was demolished and Ivor bought the bricks, so that a victim of

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INSIDE STORY

'People love the idea of an old house - but not the reality of repairs'

Continued from page 1 industrial decline now gets a new life as a home for the middle classes in retreat from

big cines.
"People love the idea of an old house," Ivor says, "but they aren't too fond of what that could mean. They buy an old house, but what if it needs £50,000 spending on the roof? With these homes, they know what they are getting: a new house with character but without the heartache."

The Johnsons are scavengers and proud of it. I was struck by the door knobs on the houses at Carter's Leaze. "Ah yes," Ivor says, "I met a chap who said he had a few door knobs in his back garden, so I went round to take a look. In the end they filled nearly three builder's vans; there were four tons of them. Now, sprayed with black paint, they look good as new."

Then there are the internal doors. These came from an abandoned institution, possibly a children's home. Ivor bought 105 in a job lot. And the stone window sills? "Goodness knows how old they are, could be anything up to 200 years."

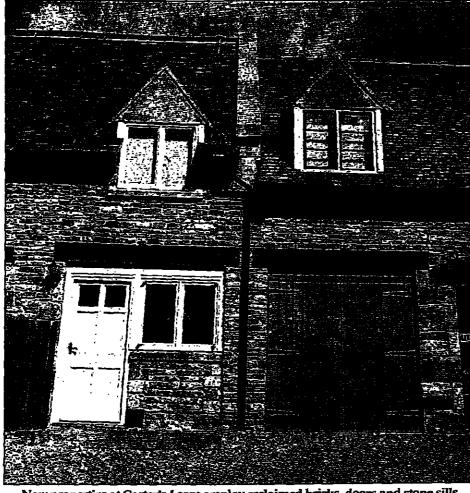
Of course, this policy makes the use of mullioned windows on such developments more or less de rigueur. The mullioned window is another icon of new-old building, another way to feel that we are living in the past in the present.

If all this sounds like building on the cheap, think again. There is a premium on this kind of material in good condition, and a lot of time and money go into scouring the country for suitable bits and pieces. It puts up to 50 per cent on the cost of building, but it must be worth it. Carter's Leaze, a development of 12 homes, was sold by the agents Knight Frank in eight weeks at prices from £120,000 (three bedrooms) to £225,000 (detached, four bedrooms).

Not that new trends mean that the first principles of second-home buying have been abandoned. David Fenton, of Knight Frank, handles Carter's Leaze and other projects in the Cotswolds. "The right location, as ever, is three parts of it. The second-home buyers here in the Cotswolds are not just from London, they come from Birmingham, Bristol and other cities. But they must be within striking distance of a motorway and the homes must have certain staoles, mostly white goods in the kitchen. Ease of maintenance is vital, too."

housing has had side-effects. The most notable is the return of craftsmanship and an attendant continuity of employment in an industry where the workforce gives the appearance of having invented the word "itinerant". The John-

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New properties at Carter's Leaze employ reclaimed bricks, doors and stone sills

sons have two men who have worked for them for 20 years, and the need for skills not always apparent in most modern building raises satisfaction levels and encourages loyalty. Lifestyle developments are a

more established sector of the second-homes market and they are the most spectacular indicator of the current trend away from romance and towards realism.

ean Fryer, of Watermark, took me round Isis Lakes in a golf buggy: how else? The lakes are stocked with trout and carp, Canadian canoes are pulled up on the banks for the use of residents. There are all-weather tennis courts and a croquet lawn. And there is 24hour security. The develop-ment is in an 11,000-acre park but each segment is of a less daunting size.

This is a sanitised environment, not to all tastes. Yet the Watermark brochure evokes olde England: "The country cottage has come to represent a safe, unchanging, untrou-bled way of life; a time when summers were always long. the grass was always green." But the lodges at Isis are as far the Prince of Wales is from endorsing the National Gallery extension.

Isis is a "managed development", meaning that in exchange for a management fee external maintenance is handled by the company (see box, right). Watermark admits to problems at Spring Lake, an earlier development near Isis. when repair work needed after



the buildings settled was not the capital. Prices in Fisher- ren aged nine and seven. done within the agreed six man's Reach, the final part of the development, range from

bother with cottage at weekends," Mrs Crawford says. "So Isis is (non-lakeside) to £99,000 (lakeside) for twoperfect for us and for the storey homes and £129,900 for a lakeside, three-storey home. children, who have even stopped complaining about Peter and Barbara Crawthe fact that we chose not to

ford have owned what Barbara calls "our beach hut" at Isis have a television set." for two years. They live in The Crawfords found that, Kensington, west London, run at first, most of the people at their own businesses (he is an Isis had bought their lodges in architect, she has an employorder to let them out, which ment agency) and have childdid nothing to create community spirit. "But now more and more of them are spending weekends there, the children make friends with other child-

ren and the families have started to arrange barbecues," Mrs Crawford says. "If you buy in a traditional village there is always the 'incomers' label, which can make it difficult to become part of the community. But at isis we are all in the same boat. A definite sense of com-

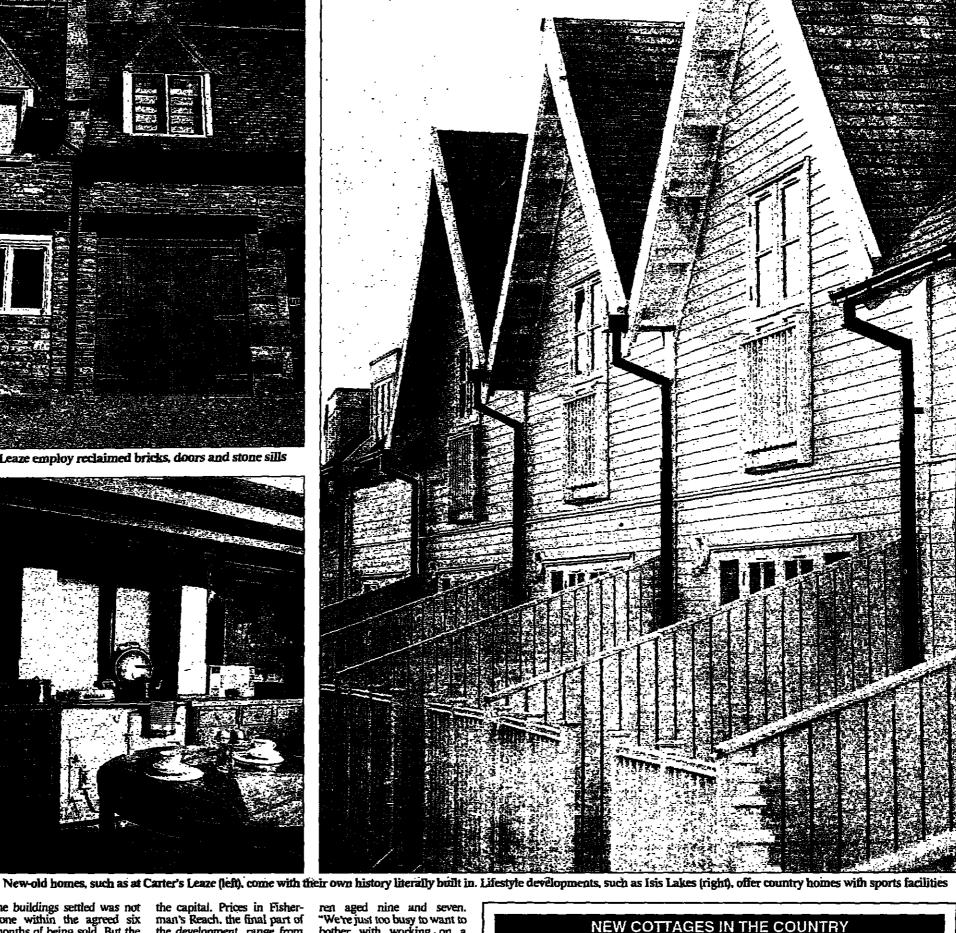
munity has developed." nother way of look-ing at weekenders is through the eyes of Latheir neighbours. Whereas Isis is all second homers, at Carter's Leaze, the split between permanent resi-dents and weekenders is about 50-50. What do the former

make of the latter? John McKinlay, a 54-yearold retired headmaster, moved into his home last January. He is at home a lot and sees the comings and goings at week-ends. "Second-homers have an ideal situation here, the same attractions as I was looking for: something that is both traditional and carrying the benefits of modern living. But there is not much interaction between the residents and the weekenders; we wave at them and pass on our way.

But I think that is more the British way of things. The permanent residents talk to each other more often and the pub across the road is a good ice-breaker, though for the most part we believe in live and let live."

Clearly the second-homes market is going through radi-cal change. The old image of the country cottage, in which rising damp and falling plaster were separated only by frantic and exhausted families wondering if this was really the best way to relax, is being replaced by a realistic re-sponse to the needs of the market. But then, when did developers ever let the grass grow under their feet?

Property, pages 6 and 8



ocal developers who are able to build "character" into new properties have noticed a steady custom from weekenders. Martin Johnson of Johnson & Johnson. Shipston on Stour, Warwick-shire, explains: "In the late 1980s we were doing barn conversions but that became less attractive as planning permission became harder to get, so we started building

new houses that look old. "Now about 20 per cent of our properties sell to weekenders. The sort they want tend to be built out of old materials and look 200 years old although they are new. We get old materials from

all over the country."

Typical of the new customers are Richard and Sandy Dale, who bought a three-bedroom cottage at Chandler's Reach, Irchenor, on the edge of Chichester Harbour, West Sussex, as a

weekend home. "We needed somewhere that was cheap and easy to maintain so that we could leave it on a Sunday night and just walk back in on a Friday." says Mr Dale, 33, a stockbroker, of Wimbledon. London. "We thought about a picture-postcard house but in the end bought a modern house, built by the develop-ers Priestmere, of Chiches-

ter, that was maintenance and hassle-free rather than listed beauty.

"Our cottage doesn't look like a typical new house: it's in keeping with its surroundings, using local stone and, because we bought while it was being built, we chose our kitchen and bathroom fittings. Our four-yearold twin boys can run around more freely here."

Chandler's Reach is a 90minute drive from south London, and half the 13 properties have been sold to weekenders, leaving just one three-bedroomed house, being offered at £169,500 by Jackson-Stops & Staff, Chichester.

Businessman Gareth Davies had been hunting for an old Cotswold cottage before he spotted the Johnson & Johnson development at Carter's Leaze, Great

Wolford, Warwickshire.
"I had been looking for something old that had a sound structure that I could do up myself, but on this development it was all there. It is an idyllic location, 100 yards from a delightful pub. and has all the benefits such as central heating," says Mr Davies, who lives near Sut-ton Coldfield. "The bath-room is new but done in an old style. Everything we asked the builder to do,

including converting one of the garages into a breakfast room, was done well.

"I don't think I've lost anything by not buying old, and buying new leaves the weekends free to enjoy."

Johnson & Johnson's latest development is at Burmington, near Shipston on Stour, where five houses are being built from natural stone or brick. They'll have four or five bedrooms and will be offered by Knight Frank's Oxford office at £195,000 to £240,000.

Knight Frank also sold three stone-built houses with natural stone fireplaces at Charter Court, in the Cotswold village of Northleach, Gloucestershire, built by Noralle, of Southam, Warwickshire, and priced at £135,000 to £175.000.

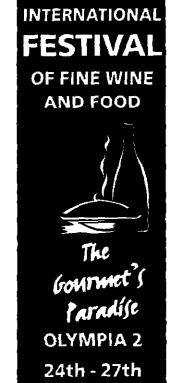
hile other small builders are picking up on the trend of building new-old weekend cottages, Watermark aims to offer the ultimate in worry-free modern weekending. At its development at Isis Lakes, south of Cirencester, it employs fulltime gardeners to trim the lawns. Service costs of about £2,000 a year also include an on-site manager, security and refuse collection, since the lodges are classed as non-postal, non-voting addresses, though they have 999-year leases.

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The sort of place to forget chores: a typical new-old country cottage retreat at the Carter's Leaze development

Spelt flour produces better bread than ordinary wheat flour. It's high in protein, delicious and just like the Romans used to make

ld farming instincts die hard, and so when I read about a cereal crop far more interesting than the dreary winter wheat which grows round here, which thrives on less fertile soils and needs less manufactured fertiliser, and moreover is ideal for organic growing because of its habit of sprouting tall and suppressing weeds, I start to get wistful,

It gets better. When milled and made into flour this crop produces bread which is higher in protein than a similar loaf baked with common wheat flour, and with higher concentrations of vitamins and minerals. It is called spelt, and although like all bread a spelt loaf contains gluten, growers say there is reason to believe it can be eaten by people

who are normally gluten intolerant. Once again, a possible solution to the problem of feeding ourselves while at the same time nurturing our land has turned up; not by looking forward to a technological future, but backwards to our forerunners. In the case of spelt, to the Romans. In my farming days, this would have had me dusting off the seed

The cereal outstanding in its field HOME MADE

drill, harnessing the horses and trudging to the fields. Now, I let Doves Farm

Foods do all the work.

Their bags of spelt flour look just like wholemeal; you can substitute spelt for wholemeal flour in any recipe if you want the nutty flavour and texture of which they boast. I was beguiled by the idea of this ancient flour, beloved of the Romans, writers of the Old Testament and, as late as the 19th century, the Germans. And, indeed, I found the recipe for Roman Army Bread irresistible. Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears of spelt and i will bake you a delicious loaf

on which we can march.
I took a pound of spelt flour and added a teaspoon of salt and three tablespoons of olive oil. I mixed two teaspoons of active dried yeast (not very Roman, but handy) into warm water to which I had added a hefty spoonful of honey, and allowed it to froth. Then I mixed the lot

Cook your

ALTHOUGH goose is indeli-bly linked in the public mind with Christmas, it is actually more traditional to serve it at the feast of Michaelmas,

DIGEST

goose

together and produced a pleasant, slithery, pliable baking tray, put the dough on it, sprinkled it with more spelt flour, and put it away for half an hour to rise.

While waiting, it crossed my mind that when in me one should eat as the Romans, which sent me to my references. Here I discovered recipes more horrible than any on which I have ever set my eyes. I came, I saw, but not even hardened stomach could conquer these. Where can I start?

Perhaps with the stuffed dormice. "Take two plump dormice for each guest, and gut and clean." (It does not say how you do this: with a crochet hook?) "Make a stiff stuffing of minced pork and

dormice. Pound this with pepper and pine kernels. When stuffed, sew up the mice, place in a shallow pan and cook in a slow oven." I have this image in my twisted mind of the neat and tidy Mary Berry showing us how to do it on one of her mid-morning television demonstrations: "Now just slice off those tails and pop them in the Aga to crisp." Ugh. While we are on matters Roman, and waiting for the bread to rise, do

Paul Heiney

you want to hear about the boiled parror? Why not? Once faced, you need never fear it again.

"Pluck, wash. truss and draw your parrot." (Who's not such a pretty boy now?) "Place in a pan and well cover with

water to which may be added vinegar and a little dill. While the parrot is cooking, put pepper, caraway seed, coriander, rue and mint in a mortar and pound to a paste. Moisten with vinegar. Add dates well shredded. Remove the parrot from the pan and use some of the water in which it has boiled to thin the

sauce. Thicken with cornflour."

To those of you wondering about the versatility of this recipe, let me tell you that "the same recine can be used for flamingo". I am now of the firm belief that the letters SPQR carried on banners by Roman soldiers were an early form of fast-food sponsorship: Savoury Parrot Owik-Roast.

My spelt loaf rose as well as any loaf I have ever made. No time in the Roman Army for a second kneading and rising; they had the Alps to cross. So I put it in the oven for about 35 minutes, using the hem of my toga to prevent my fingers burning on the hot oven door. The result was a truly new taste: nutty as promised, satisfying but not too heavy, wonderful with honey; and as foretold on the packet, a spelt loaf leaves no crumbs when cut. It was moist, lighter

than a normal wholemeal loaf and achieved without any of that heavy kneading or knocking back and waiting ages for the second rising. I could possibly have made it even lighter: on reading the instructions again I suspect 1 may not have added enough water. The dough is suppose to fall onto the baking sheet like a flattish ciabatta. Mine looked like a cottage loaf.

But I liked it, and it was a really new taste in bread. It was just as good the next day too. I shall try it again. Spelt flour is available in most health food shops, by mail order from Doves Farm Foods, and from selected branches of Sainsbury's. where I shall take great pleasure at the butchery counter asking for Parrot-burgers and Oven-Ready Dormice. Doves Farm Foods, Salisbury Road,

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FAST FOOD

How to be a pasta master in a hurry

NO-COOK DINNER Serves six

Parma ham, mozzarella and red-leaf salad Tagliatelle with creamy pesto Boozy blackberry fool

This dinner is great for a day when you have to shop in your lunch hour or on the way home and get back just 15-30 minutes before your guests are due to arrive. The only cooking required is boiling the pasta to go with a sauce made by mixing ready-made pesto, crème fraiche and the basic ingredients of pesto - basil, pinenuts and parmesan.

■ Make blackberry fool Mix 600g (Ilb 50z) blackber-ries (keep a handful for decoration), 400g (14oz) ready-made custard, 4tbs caster sugar and Itbs port in a food processor. Taste and add more sugar if you want, as blackberries vary in sweetness. Put in 6

bowls or a serving bowl and

decorate with whole berries.

Make parma ham and mozzarella salad

Put 250g (9oz) prepared salad, preferably one with some red leaves such as radicchio and oak leaf lettuce, around the outside of a large serving plate. Put 12 slices (about (40g/5oz) of parma ham in the middle and arrange 250g (90z) mozzarella, cut into 12 slices,

Fruit and vegetables

3 very large tomatoes

12 slices parma ham

400g (14oz) ready-made

250g (9oz) mozzarella

squeeze of lemon

12 basil leaves

(about 140g/5oz)

Dairy

custard

600g (11b 5oz) blackberries

250g (9oz) prepared salad

in the centre. Make a dressing of 3tsp grainy mustard, a squeeze of lemon and 6tbs olive oil and put to one side.

■ Make tomato salad Slice three huge tomatoes. Put in a shallow serving dish and sprinkle with Itsp sugar, 2tsp balsamic or other mild vinegar and some black pepper.

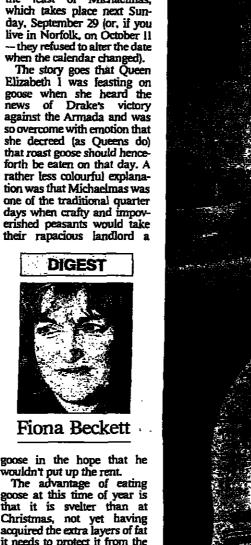
Serve parma ham and mozzarella salad

Five minutes before serving the salad, put a large pan of salted water on to boil. Drizzle the dressing over salad but do not mix. Let the guests help themselves and as they do, put 500g (11b 20z) green and yellow tauliatelle in the water to cook for around ten minutes.

Serve pasta

Drain the pasta and put back in the pan. Mix with 400ml crème fraiche and 5tsp pesto, so the cream melts on the pasta. Divide among 6 plates and scatter over 100g (4oz) pinenuts and 12 roughly torn basil leaves. Using a potato peeler, pare shavings off a piece of parmesan to decorate. You can also serve this in one large bowl for guests to help themselves. Serve with the

■ Serve blackberry fool Serve with shortbread. HATTIE ELLIS



wouldn't put up the rent. The advantage of eating goose at this time of year is that it is svelter than at Christmas, not yet having acquired the extra layers of fat it needs to protect it from the cold. Judy Goodman of Goodman's Geese says it is milder and less rich than at Christmas. "It's lovely to eat it with the new crop of apples which are at their freshest and crispest." Also good is the lrish potato and apple stuffing, which basically involves adding 2lb of mashed potato to a pound each of stewed apples and onions. You can find the full recipe in Darina Allen's excellent Irish Traditional Cooking, which is published

by Kyle Cathie at £19.99. A goose is also cheaper now than at Christmas because the producer does not have to feed it for another three months. Judy Goodman charges £5.70 per kilo (£2.59 a lb for the nonmetricated) compared with E6.24 (E2.84) in December the average weight at this time of year being about 4.5kg (10-11lb). If you're in Malvern this weekend you can buy one from her at the Malvern Autumn Show, otherwise ring her on 01299 896272 or her sister, Ann Botterill, who also rears geese, on 01476 870394. For other producers contact the British Goose Producers

Association on 0171-240 9889. Best bread

"DEVON" and "focaccia" are not words you normally associate with each other but I recently tasted the best focaccia I've eaten outside

A goose, traditional fare at Michaelmas, is cheaper and less fatty than at Christmas. It's wonderful served with Irish potato and apple stuffing Italy from the Crosse Farm Other exotic and enticing Bakery near Cheriton Bishop, Devon (01647 24442). Unlike most supermarket focaccia, which has the taste and texture of cotton wool, it is light and flavoursome and stuffed with rosemary, sun-dried tomatoes, olives and sunflower and pumpkin seeds. Ring them on 0171-221 1992.

Before you say it's all very well for the residents of Cheriton Bishop, the good news is that the baker, Harriet Helliwell, does mail order (the minimum is eight 800g loaves. which cost £24 plus £8 p&p). Even better news is that she will make extra large ones to order for parties. Either way you can freeze them.

Book early

INCIDENTALLY if you have ambitions to knock up a focaccia yourself you can find a smashing recipe in One Year at Books for Cooks No 2. the latest anthology from Books for Cooks, the west London cookery bookshop. Basically, it is a sample of the books the staff have liked best, tried and tested in the kitchen at the back of the shop.

recipes include tomato and sweet pepper marmalade tart, lamb loin with roast beetroot and radish tzatziki, and white chocolate Sauternes cake, for which recipe alone I would pay the £3.99 which they charge for the whole volume.

As nice as pie

AT Marks & Sparks there are signs of a backlash against the tidal wave of lime and coriander that swamped the shelves this summer. One of the bestselling new lines this autumn is a roast pork pie in gravy, which could have hailed from a 1950s tearoom.

In fact it was a happy accident. Because the pie department has been frantically seeking alternatives to beef, they have been encouraging staff to come up with old regional recipes. The roast pork pie was one. Another, suggested by the staff at the Newcastle store, which apparently sells more pies than any other M&S in the country, is cheese and onion pie squares.

Further nursery-style favourites will follow. In the next few weeks you'll be able to buy lamb and pea mash pie, chicken and vegetable-filled Yorkshire pudding pies and an M&S invention which they are very excited about - the crisp-crust pudding.

Curry trip

LEICESTER might not immediately strike you as the obvious venue for a gastronomic weekend but if you're a curry lover you need look no further. The local tourist board (slogan: "Leicester - a city full of surprises") has come up with the rather smart idea of taking advantage of the city's large Asian population by instituting an Asian Cuisine Weekender Break starting from £122.50 (depending on which hotel you choose). For this you get dinner at

restaurants — one Gujarati (a vegetarian meal), one Punjabi, the chance to talk about the dishes and look behind the scenes, a visit to the Asian shopping district and a oneday cookery course at the Asian cookery school. The first weekend will be from October 18-20 with others in November, January and February. Ring Leicester Promotions

(0116 285 6734) for details. If you are in Leicester try to fit in a trip to the local market, which I remember from researching street markets a couple of years ago as one of the best in the country. Don't miss the fish stall run by John Heath, a former policeman, whatever you do.

Pep talk

HOT NEWS in The Grocer of an exciting addition to the Peperami market (Peperami, for the uninitiated among you, being a snack sausage you chew like gum). The turkeyflavoured Peperami "Gobbler" is "shorter and thicker (than, presumably, the originall and is pitched at white meat-eaters and women". TV ads, starting in October, feature the slogan: "It's a bit of all right." Actually I think I might just manage to resist it.

● Last week I misled you about that naughty-but-nice Duke de Leche caramel spread. It contains a modest 1,386 calories a jar, not the wildly reckless 5,800 calories I had wrongly calculated.

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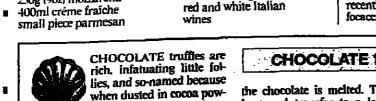
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yellow tagliatelle

100g (40z) pinenuts

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a selection of good

500g (11b 2oz) green and

caster sugar

6tbs olive oil

6tsp pesto

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Shopping List

der they resemble those rare little gems of fungus and are similarly precious to all lovers of good food. Once you have mastered this simple recipe, which makes about 85, and perhaps used cocoa powder to finish them off, you might feel brave enough to have a go at dipping in couverture.

> llb best bitter plain chocolate (such as Menier) 12 pint whipping cream 2fl oz rum or brandy cocoa for rolling

Break the chocolate into tiny pieces. In a saucepan, bring the cream to a rolling boil and add the chocolate, immediately turning down the flame to 2 CHOCOLATE BOX

the chocolate is melted. Take off the heat and transfer to a large mixing bowl. Leave to cool at room temperature which will take at least one to one and a half hours.

There are two ways of continuing: (a) Use an electric hand whisk (you can use a balloon whisk but you need muscles of iron) to whisk the mixture to the consistency of a whipped cream no more or it becomes unmanageable and sets before you have a chance to continue. It is better to stop whisking when it is still soft as it soon sets.

Spoon the mixture into a 14in piping bag with a 'zinch nozzle and pipe lizinch truffle spheres onto a baking sheet covered in cling film, or waxed paper. Refrigerate for an hour. (This is my favourite method and I think by far the best.)

(b) When the mixture has set, use a

prevent sticking. This takes longer than process (a) but is just as good. AT THIS stage, you can coat them in chocolate but do this only after practice beforehand - or you

teaspoon to spoon-out bitesize portions.

rolling them into balls in the palms of

your hands, dusted with icing sugar to

can roll the truffles in cocoa powder, icing sugar, chopped nuts or chocolate "vermicelli". They will keep for at least a week. If at the last minute they need tarting up, sprinkle them with cocoa powder from a tea strainer. The glory of using the best possible chocolate is that, whatever the truffles look like, they will taste wonderful. If you have any problems write to me care of Weekend at The Times.

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GARDENING

GARDEN ANSWERS



STEPHEN ANDERTON

My 20-year-old Vic-toria plum tree is cropping well but the leaves on some branches have become brown-spotted and holed. I have been picking off and burning the affected leaves. Can you tell me what this is? — C. Plumb, Sheffield.

A This sounds like shot-hole disease, which attacks plums, peaches and cherries. The patches develop into holes. The problem is not serious, and is usually seen on weak trees. Feed your tree next spring by making crowbar holes 9in deep. Ift apart around the root system perimeter and filling them with Grow-more Mulch it, too.

l have an old, fertile mulberry tree almost 30ft high. A few years ago I felled a cherry which was shading it on one side, since when it has sprouted a dense growth of shoots from the main trunk, which is now hidden during summer. I want to remove these shoots to reveal the bark, but is this wise? — T. Allen, Carlisle.

A The shoots sprouting from the trunk may be the result of increased light or of incipient senility of the whole structure. You can cut them off, saving the odd one to fill gaps in the canopy where the cherry tree had shaded it. But at 30ft your mulberry is too tall and too old. Think about reducing it if you want it to be a rugged specimen in 50 years.

Nine months ago I moved into a house with a neglected garden with 12ft-high walls. The garden is infested with slugs and snails, which I catch and throw over the walls. Do these pests have a homing instinct and climb back over? There are just as many now as when I started. - Mrs P. Goddard, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Who lives next door, I Who lives next door, I wonder? Do they throw them back? Slugs and snails are efficient reproducers. They are also capable of slithering back over the wall, but not from a homing instinct. It takes time to reduce slug and snail populations. When it happens it will be the result of cultivation and hygiene not enforced aeronautics.

in June I sowed a packet of winter-flowering pansies. They were planted out in July, since when they have bloomed prolifically. I am concerned that they will fail to flower in late winter/early spring as they should. Should I shear the heads off? - J. Smith, York.

Winter pansies are bred to keep flowering at low temperatures so there is no need to worry. Keep up some dead-heading to divert their energy from seed production, and go over them at the end of the autumn flowering.

 Readers wishing to have their gardening problems answered should write to: Garden Answers, Weekend. The Times, I Pennington St. London El 9XN. We regret that it may not be possible to deal with every request. Advice is offered without legal responsibility. The Times also regrets that enclosures accompanying letters cannot be returned.

Something to crow about



These scarecrows are almost lifesize and wear dungarees and T-shirt (summer) or jacket (winter). They include fabric birds and cost £85 each from Scarcity of Scarecrows

Peter Rabbit, clothed in the rabbit's finest blue jacket and with his polished shoes dangling from its stick arms, served as a handy resting place for birds between feasts on Mr McGregor's vegetable garden. It is a vision of bitter truth to many who have tried using a scarecrow to deter birds and one that strikes gloom into the heart

of most gardeners. Shooting is out of the question, however murderous you feel when a pigeon smacks its beak over your blackcurrants, and the loud cannonstyle bird scarers used by farmers are expensive and unlikely to endear you to the neighbours.

Denys and Marjorie Randolph have had many of these problems at their 14-acre vineyard in Oxfordshire, where they grow grapes for Downs Edge wine. Shooting is allowed in parts of the vineyard away from the road, but what was meant to be a quiet retirement project has turned into a battle of ingenuity against pigeons and starlings which would have munched through nearly El.000 worth of grape if not for the Randolphs' bird-scaring methods. They started with scarecrows; not

Birds are not always welcome visitors to the garden. Jane Owen

looks at a variety of devices that will scare the scavengers away

any old scarecrows but lifesize plywood cut-outs of gunmen, butts at the shoulder and a length of pipe for the barrel, should the birds be in any doubt. Mr Randolph cut out the models and his wife painted them in country clothes.

After a few days the birds perched happily along the gun barrel and passing bus passengers called the police to complain that the Randolphs were shooting in areas likely to be dangerous to the public. Then Garfield-style balloons

black balloons, painted with a cat's face - were filled with helium and tied at the end of each row of vines. Mrs Randolph says these balloons were effective but burst so often that it took much time and money to constantly refill them.

Desperation began to set in. The Randolphs cut out a tiger shape from an 8ft by 4ft piece of plywood and painted it to glow brightly - fearfully even - in the middle of the vineyard. The birds treated it like an ornament. Meanwhile, Dave Kear, who helps Mr Randolph on the vineyard, was ally until harvest time.

Scarey-Boy deflates noisily

on shooting duty at a nearby farm when something leapt at him, and narrowly missed being shot. It was a Scarey-Boy and it scared the birds as well as the gumman.

Scarey-Boy is a mass of limp plastic which inflates every few minutes to 3ft 6in. arms outstretched, making a screaming noise. Then it deflates, noisily and lies doggo until the next blast of air from its batterypowered motor. It is ingenious but expensive - prices are from £235 for the Boy version to £375 for a larger model (5ft 6in) called Scarey-Man Fall-Guy; plus £50 for the rechargeable battery. Mr Randolph is hoping to get one this Christmas to use next year. Meanwhile, he has worked up such a convincing impression of Scarey-Boy that he might find himself fulfilling the function person-

At a less dramatic level, humming tape is usually effective and a lot cheaper at about £4 for 30m (100ft) from garden centres. The green plastic tape, about half a centimetre wide, is tied washing-line style between poles over kitchen gardens where the crops run in rows. Even a breeze makes the tape vibrate and create curious Aeolian harp-style music, which drifts across the garden and alarms birds.

Netting is another possibility for small areas and it comes in pre-cut sizes from most garden centres; for example, 10m by 4m (32ft by 13ft) costs £14. Cats keep birds away, too. and a small bell attached to their collar warns feeding birds of their arrival and protects the birds from being killed.

Or you could try homemade scarers, flashing their no-go message to the hungry birds, such as gaily coloured foil rectangles or milk bottle tops attached to string and tied to the top of poles.

Those whose gardens are populated by birds made nervous by scarecrows can add this year's most voguish ornament to their gardens: a ready-made scarecrow with a choice of clothes. Made by a company called Scarcity of Scarecrows, they cost £85. The smiling manikin, nearly lifesize and with fashionably cropped straw hair, can model either a summer Tshirt and dungarees or, for winter, a jacket and dungarees.

• Scarey-Boy and Scarey-Man by mail order from Clarratts, Toseland Hall, Toseland, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire PE 19 4RU (01480 880242). Scarcity of Scarecrows, Oakland

Cottage, Greenway Lane, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GLŠ26LA (01242 239071). • For visits to the Randolph's vineyard call 01491 834802. The grapes from the vineyard are used to make Downs Edge

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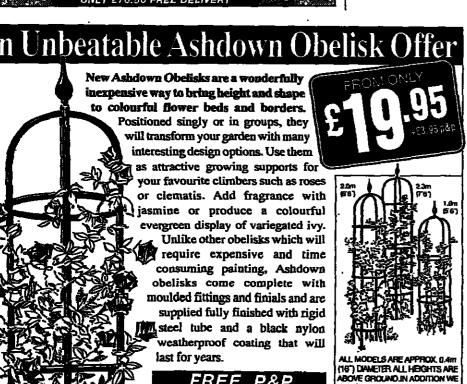
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imises the relationship of the

elegant 18th-century house and the wonderfully unspoilt coastal position nearby where a secluded sandy beach looks out over the Solway Firth. The link between the house, sheltered from wind by mature trees, and the beach is the Broad Walk, which leads between more fine trees, downward until the seaside destination is revealed. Progressing down the Broad Walk, visitors can choose a selection of smaller paths that lead off to enclosed woodland gardens, one a water garden, another planted with acers of unusual size. Their autumn foliage is a highlight at Arbigland from now until October. The garden's position benefits from the mild winters of Scotland's southwest coast and there is ample evidence of benign conditions among the ornamental trees and shrubs. Late-summer and autumn flowering varieties such as eucryphias, with their creamy flowers offset by evergreen foliate, make an autumn visit especially worthwhile.

Lapworth, Solihull, Warwickshire (01564 782024). On A3400, two miles east

of Hockley Heath. Open Wed-Sun to end of Oct. 12.30-4.30pm (1.30-6pm to end Sept). £2. PACKWOOD's charm has re-

mained undimmed, perhaps because it is not an expansive country garden that looks out on a grand landscape, but instead a place of greater age, dating from the 17th century when gardens were symbolic. Indeed, there are few places where the visitor feels so strongly that the garden is telling a story; clipped yew trees stand around a mount with clipped box and a spiral path leading to the top covered by an umbrella of yew. House and garden owe much of the preservation of original features and architecture, such as the terrace running between brick gazebos that overlook the walled garden, to the care during the 1930s of G. Baron Ash, who subsequently gave the property to the National Trust They have developed the more decorative garden features. The best time to visit is a damp autumn day when the feeling of enacting a scene out of Bunyan is intense.

Gardens to Visit



The walled garden at Packwood House in Warwickshire

University of Durham Botanic Garden (0191-374 7971).

One mile from the centre of Durham, off A167 at Cock Durham I, then Hollingside Lane). Open: 10am-5pm to

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ENGLAND's rich array of botanic gardens is full of surprises and at this, the most northerly in the country, there is much to enjoy. Only estab-

youngest and the original intention was always to combine horticultural interest with low maintenance. As a result much of the 18-acre site on a south-facing slope is given over to grass with specimen trees and groups of shrubs. Since 1980 an arbore-tum of American trees has been developed with fine examples of Lodgewood pine and Californian redwood already well established. Beside a pond, from which the water flows into a rill, is the heather garden that looks good from now through into winter, while two glasshouses with tropical and desert plants have rare exotics such as an enormous pawpaw tree. One of the most recent and visually pleasing additions to the university is the Prince Bishop garden containing six wooden figures that were originally made for the Gateshead Garden Festival.

lished in 1970, it is one of the

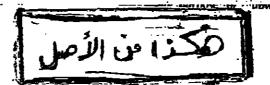
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solves the problem of when to lift and

when to leave cannas

here should you grow cannas? There are options. Picture hor, city squares in middle Germany and civic planters brimming with red cannas, all flapping purple foliage and scarlet flowers. like a cross between a banana and a gladiolus. Then picture the greenygrey leafed, yellow-flowered Canna glauca growing in the water of a Sussex pond.

I am tempted to write that it is only C. glauca which should be grown in water, and then I hear of people growing a variegated, ordinary hybrid canna in water, and of a gardener in Exeter. Devon, who grows the ordinary, bronze-leafed, red-flowered cannas in his pond, and leaves them there all winter.

Cannas in general require plenty of water and a rich soil. But C. glauca is usually the one thought of as a potential "water canna". And what a good plant it is; such broad glaucous foliage is always useful in a garden, rather like the bloomy, sea-green foliage of Melianthus major, Rudbeckia maxima or Nicotiana glauca.

C. glauca has a spike of demure, pale yellow flowers, clenched tightly to the stem, and the whole plant can rise to 6-7ft tall.

Ian Cooke, who holds the National Collection of cannas at his nursery, Brockings Exotics, near Launceston, Cornwall, grows C. glauca in soil, but is aware of the plant's success in water. A planting depth of not more than 6in below

water level seems to keep it happy. But what an addition to waterside marginal planting cannas could be. At Longwood Gardens in America. famous for its computerco-ordinated music and fountains, Robert Armstrong started hybridising C. glauca in the 1970s, and there are now several hybrids gaining ground in Britain.

C. glauca, from the West Indies and South America, is taller than



Jan and Joyce Cooke, who hold the National Collection of cannas

most of the hybrids. The variety be divided in March or April, and 'Ra' is lemon yellow, darker than repotted, each budded rhizome the species, and grows to about 5ft. with a length of root being capable 'Endeavour'. a soft pink, and Taney', a burnt orange, also grow of making a new plant. The plants can then be grown on

to about 5ft. 'Erebus', a salmon under glass, ready for planting out pink, grows to about 3ft when the danger of frost is past, C. glauca and its hybrids are less clump-forming than the usual C. indica hybrids. Instead, they throw and can be in flower by the beginning of July. Good light levels early in the year are important. out long, brittle rhizomes 6-9in The canna root system starts into life in spring from the rhizome, without the help of last year's roots. under the soil surface (or water), which can spring up a couple of feet

away from the parent stem. Conse-Nevertheless, there is usually a gain in stature from any plant left quently it is less easy to persuade the roots into a pot for selling. in situ over the winter, so long as it continues to be well fed, and is But wouldn't it be exciting to establish a colony of it in a pond, divided once the soil is exhausted. leaving it there through the winter? In The English Flower Garden of If C. indica can survive a winter 1883, William Robinson wrote that "cannas, protected by a coating of under water, then surely C. glauca

compost, mulch or leaf litter will

suffice to insulate the roots. But this

ought to. A sideshoot or two lifted litter, have been left out in Batterin autumn and stored indoors sea park through severe winters, would act as an insurance policy.

Whether in soil or water, if and during the unfavourable summer of 1867 attained a height of cannas of any variety are to be taken in for the winter they should It is is important to keep the be lifted after flowering in autumn. rhizome below the frost penetration level. In soil, a thick layer of old the tops cut down, and the roots

kept dark and dry, but just short of

shrivelling. Then the roots should

WEEKEND TIPS

Take cuttings of penstemons and perennial wallflowers, pushing them in around the edge of a 6in-pot, to be potted on in spring as replacements for

■ Bring potted azaleas indoors to a cool greenhouse. Keep moist and light, and start to feed only when the flowerbuds start to swell.

Start a new compost heap with the first autumn leaves. Cut down the tops of herbaceous plants and annuals, Dust with lime.

■ Light coverings of leaves on lawns may be removed with a rotary mower, which cuts them up and speeds rotting.

■ Check that summer growth has not tightened tree ties around young trunks; adjust as necessary

covering needs to come off in spring and the plant should be encouraged to reach up for the light as soon as the frosts permit.

In water, the roots ought to be safe from frost at 6in deep, especially in milder gardens. Whether you choose to try them as permanent marginal planting, or plunged into water (in baskets) for the summer, there is room for experimentation and some attractive results.

■ Ian Cooke's National Collection of cannas is held at his nursery, Brockings Exotics, Petherwin Gate, North Petherwin, Cornwall PLIS 8LW (01566 785533); open by appointment only. Send three first-class stamps for a

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Canna collection (left to right): red-pink 'Endeavour', lemon yellow 'Ra' and burnt orange 'Taney'

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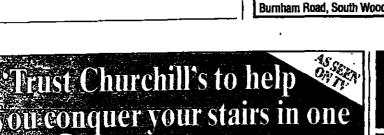
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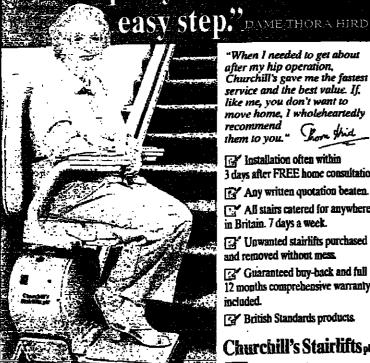
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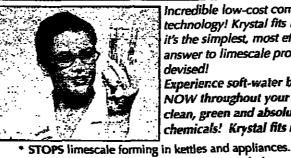
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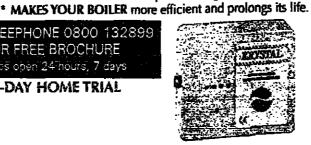
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With more Britons buying abroad,

Cheryl Taylor looks at homes for

bargain hunters and big spenders

f you are considering a looking now. In the wake of the domestic housing revival, those with money to spend are spending it abroad, often with a view to early retirement. Paddy Dring, a partner at Knight Frank's international department, says: "There has been a steady growth in activity across Europe, with the British leading the way."

FRANCE

Despite the strength of the franc, the British are still buying property in France. Vendors are often prepared to accept a lower price, particularly in rural areas, where British buyers remain the driving force.

Vivien Bridge, of Northern France Properties, reports a brisk trade in country cottages and village houses up to £40,000 in the Mayenne, a peaceful farming region 90

minutes' drive from St Malo. This quiet corner of France tends to be ignored by British holidaymakers travelling to

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the Dordogne and the Charente, and prices are lower than in Normandy and Brittany, to the north. A habitable two-bedroom house with a garden can still be found for £20,000, or a restored three-bedroom farmhouse in half an acre for £40,000.

Many Britons are buying homes in the Gers, a rich agricultural region of southwest France, close to the foothills of the Pyrenees. Large Gascon country houses, stonebuilt with wooden shutters, can be bought for about £150,000 in good condition.

There is a good supply of property and prices are low off the tourist track, about an hour's drive from Toulouse airport. Bargain properties range from farmbuildings and village houses to châteaux, many with land.

Ian Purslow, who has been selling property in the Gers for six years, has 200 properties on his books, mostly within a 90-minute drive of the Atlantic coast or skiing in the Pyrenees. "British people come here because houses are bigger and the weather is warmer." he

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A British buyer paid £435,000 for this villa built in 18th-century classical Portuguese style at Pinheiros Altos, a golf course complex near Quinta Do Lago in the Algarve

says. "It looks like the Cotswolds, with less rain. Prices are half those in Provence, and there has not been an influx of foreign buyers."

He is asking £156,000 for a five-bedroom 18th-century country house, near the village of Condom; and £356,000 for a beautiful six-bedroom château in 4.5 acres of parkland, with a two-bedroom luxury cottage and a pool-house, 20 miles northwest of Auch.

MALY ____

There is renewed interest in Tuscany and neighbouring Umbria, the green heart of Italy, where many Britons own second homes.

According to Steve Emmett of Brian A. French & Associates, the property market there is experiencing increased activity in the range up to £50,000, and over

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£250,000. "Many prospective British purchasers keen to move to the area have been unable to sell their UK homes. But now they are able to move and have cash to spend," he says. "Around half our clients are looking to settle perma-

nently in Italy." Despite the influx of wealthy Brits to Tuscany and Umbria, the supply of ancient stone dwellings has not com-pletely dried up. although good quality houses are harder to find. Abandoned farmhouses, medieval cottages and even ruined castles can still be found scattered across the gentle hillsides, among the vineyards and olive groves.

Property values vary according to area, but generally prices rise nearer Florence, Sienna or Cortona. Brian A. French has a large stonebuilt Tuscan farmhouse in need of renovation, in five

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acres, near Cortona, at £115.000 or a three-bedroom farmhouse, in the hills above Lucca, for £158,000. Prices fall further south and

east in Le Marche, where you could pick up a restored threebedroom farmhouse with a couple of acres for about £65,000 or a run-down village

again. The rugged crescent of

coast, from Ventimiglia on the

French border to Portovenere.

with its palm-fringed beaches

and bright gardens, old fish-

ing towns and vine-clad hill-

sides, has much to offer. This

part of Italy enjoys one of the

warmest winter climates in

the country. Property is not

cheap, but compared with the

French Riviera, homes offer

better value for money. Prices

are lower around Imperia, the

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In the hills above Imperia.

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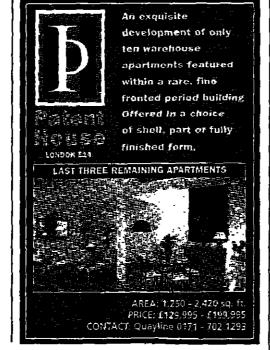
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After six years in the doldrums, the property market on Spain's Costa del Sol is

£45,000, a short distance from

SPAIN 1

the Mediterranean.

starting to improve. There is more new building along the coast and property prices in prime areas - at the edge of a beach or golf course or around Marbella - are rising, but slowly.

Cheryl Fielding of the Fielding Partnership, a Spanish estate agency run by English chartered surveyors, believes the area has benefited greatly from EU funds. Resale property is still good value, she says. A two-bedroom garden flat at Riviera del Sol, east of Marbella, is on offer at E39,000, and a detached threebedroom villa, with sea views, at Calahonda, at £90,000.

Many Britons are moving into the mountain foothills behind the coast, where the same agency is offering a threebedroom country house in two acres of fruit trees for £113,000, 20 minutes' drive from the sea. Paddy Dring, of Knight Frank, reports increased acti-

vity at the top of the market -

5500,000-plus in the Marbella

area - which buys a new four-

bedroom villa, with staff quar-At the less developed southern end of this coastline, the 4,400 acre Sotogrande estate, with its mimosa-fringed golf courses. 20 minutes' drive from Gibraltar airport, is popular with British buyers. It has three golf courses, including two 18-hole championship courses, designed by Robert Trent Jones. More than 60 villas have been built and sold

A new three-bedroom detached villa costs £190,000. Apartments at the harbour village in the port of Sotogrande range from £100,000 for two bedrooms, up to £386,000 for a fourbedroom town house with a pool on the terrace; many have

in the past two years, and

more are under construction.

an optional 15-metre berth at

the bottom of the garden. The seriously rich go to Majorca in search of traditional farmhouses and old town houses costing more than £300,000. Ancient 20-roomed palacios for renovation in Palma, the capital, are fetching up to £1 million, according to Naomi Greatbanks of Hamptons International.

PORTUGAL

The Algarve is attracting British buyers with up to £500,000 to spend on a villa in a luxury golfing development.

Hamptons International reorts keen interest from British clients in the upmarket leisure estates, with golf courses, near Faro airport, not least the 1,700 acre Quinta do Lago, which has several palatial homes for sale.

Here you could buy a fivebedroom, five-bathroom villa in half an acre for £595,000 with a swimming pool.

With its 72 holes of golf. Quinta do Lago is now the largest golfing complex in Europe. The latest golf course development at Quinta, Pinheiros Altos is attracting the most interest. It is a 300acre site overlooking the nature reserve of the Ria Formosa tidal inlet, which includes an 18-hole golf course. The developer has sold 91 villa plots alongside the fairways, at prices up to £295,000. Building is under way on 77 houses and apartments, priced from £195,000 for a two-bedroom flat to £269,000 for a three-bedroom semi-detached house.

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Then buying prop-erty abroad, as in V V Britain, it is impor-tant to use an independent solicitor. There are pitfalls associated with obtaining clear title to resale properties, and without thorough searches you could find yourself in trouble.

Homes in Mediterranean countries are often owned by several family members and getting agreement for a sale from each of the owners involved can be a long and difficult process.

Unlike buying a home in Britain, any debts outstand ing on a property in Spain or Italy, for example, are inherited by the new owner. You may even find there is a mortgage on your new home, which must be paid off before title deeds can be

FRANCE: as in most othет European countries, property transactions in France are completed before a public notary.

One snag is that all fees. including notary fees of 8 to 12 per cent and 6 to 8 per cent for the estate agent (the cheaper the property, the higher the fees), must be paid by the purchaser. Most British agents selling property in France include their fee in the quoted price, but check.

If you sell your home within two years of purchase, you must pay 33.6 per cent of the profit in tax. value. Notorial fees are Always keep any receipts for

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This stone cottage in the Gers region of France sold for £42,000 to a British buyer

repairs and restoration work to the property as these can be set against your final tax bill for the sale.

ITALY: the initial contract (compromesso) involves financial penalties if either party backs out. The buyer forfeits his deposit, between 20 and 30 per cent of the agreed price, and the seller has to pay back double the sum deposited. Once the transfer deed (rogito) is signed and the money handed over, the notary registers the transfer deed with the local land registry and the property is yours.

Stamp duty paid by second home buyers on resale property is 10 per cent of registered value on buildings and 17 per cent on land. If you are buying a new home. Italian VAT (IVA) is payable at 9 per cent of

charged on a sliding scale from 1 to 3 per cent.

If you sell within five years and are not resident in Italy, you will be liable to pay capital gains tax on any increase in value. SPAIN: your solicitor

should check that there are no mortgages on the property, that the vendor does not owe taxes and that planning permission has been obtained. Buying costs include Spanish VAT (IVA) at 7 per cent on new homes, plus a documentary tax (AJD) at 0.5 per cent. Resale homes attract a transfer tax of 6 per cent of value. Land for building is taxed at 16 per cent, plus AJD at 0.5 per cent. Your final bill is likely to be 10 to 12 per cent of the purchase price, plus legal fees. Cash from a sale can be taken out of Spain, less capital gains tax.

■ PORTUGAL: after signing the provisional contract of sale, the buyer must pay a 10 per cent deposit, which is forfeited if he does not go ahead. If the vendor pulls out he must pay the purchaser twice the deposit.

Buyers pay transfer tax (SISA) on homes, rural land and building plots, costing more than 10 million Escudos (£41,666). Portuguese VAT (IVA) of 17 per cent is levied on a new home. Notary fees and registration costs amount to 2.5 per cent of the price. On resale, you can repatriate the proceeds. less capital gains tax.

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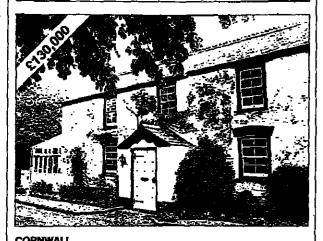
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Lantallack Cross, Landrake, near Saltash. Detached cottage with a 2.6 acre garden and paddock in a country setting. Three bedrooms, bathroom, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breaklast room, conservatory, office, garage. About £130.000 (Punch & Roche, 01752 223833).



Bridge Cottage, Chideock. Detached Grade II listed character cottage in the heart of a village, less than a mile from the coast. Four bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, living room, study, kitchen/diner and utility. Garden and parking space. About £139,500 (Palmer Snell, 01308 422929).





HAMPSHIRE
Blackmans Cottage, Botley. Grade II listed village house with a large west-facing walled garden. Four bedrooms, bathroom, drawing room, dining room, kitchen, sunroom/breakfast room and cloakroom. About £150,000 (John D. Wood, 01962 883131).

Inverforth House at Hampstead Heath, London, formerly owned by the Industrial Orthopaedic Society, is being redeveloped into homes costing from £325,000 to £4 million

eith and Sue Sleeman are selling their house in Berkshire, which has an acre and a half of garden plus river frontage, and going to live in an old hospital in Salisbury, Wiltshire.

"My friends think we're mad, but I know we're going to be living in one of the finest city-centre residential sites that I've come across," Mrs Sleeman says. By mid-November there will be no more gardening and only a short walk to the shops, railway station, river Avon and Salisbury Cathedral. The Sleemans will be living in a two-bedroom second-floor apartment, which used to be the nurses' home for the the city's former general infirmary.

general infirmary.

Mr Sleeman, architect for
the Cathedral Views development. says: "If the architect
goes to live there, it's not a bad
recommendation,"

As at other developments by different companies, Future Heritage and Frogmore Estates are creating new homes out of an old hospital site. There will be lots of sites available in the future as buildings become surplus to healthcare purposes. More than 800 (nontrust) properties, which could include individual houses, hospitals and health centres, are expected to realise about £1.2 billion for reinvestment in healthcare over the next few years. About 190 properties are already on the market, though not all will go for residential use.

Cure for old hospitals In Salisbury, the Sieemans re paying more than Developers are offering a new lease Cornwall, it plans 22 house a Grade [1] listed for the paying more than the paying more t

are paying more than £200,000 for three bedrooms (one will become a dining room), two bathrooms, a sitting room and kitchen in an Edwardian building which houses eight other apartments and a small penthouse.

Their apartment is light and

Their apartment is light and airy with seven windows in the living room and a balcony in the main bedroom overlooking the river Avon.

The infirmary itself, John Wood House, dates from 1767. The Grade II listed building is being converted into ten apartments, with prices from £167,500. The development also includes two new terraces of five town houses, from £205,000. The first homes will be ready in November. A third have been reserved.

At Virginia Park, Virginia Water. Surrey, 213 houses and apartments are being built by Octagon Developments in a 24-acre, walled estate which contains a Grade I listed former Victorian sanatorium. The building, Crossland House, is being converted into 23 three and four-storey town houses, the first available now at £475,000 to £650,000.

few In the grounds, 36 houses rities (£305,000 to £335,000) will be ready next March. The first of 68 apartments (£300,000) will be ready next spring.

of life to sites in prime locations

At Hampstead Heath in £600,000 to £4 million. The

At Hampstead Heath in north London, Pamilion Properties, in association with Frogmore Estates, is converting Inverforth House, a Grade II listed mansion formerly owned by the Industrial Orthopaedic Society. Nine units, including the two wings which each have a swimming pool and average 7,000 to 8,000 square feet, are being sold at

Virginia Water's old

hospital gets a pool

£600,000 to £4 million. The homes should be available by next September. Four new buildings and four refurbished ones at Inverforth Close (£325,000 to £1 million) have been completed and most of them sold.

The Raven Group is working on six hospital sites for residential purposes. At Tehidy Park, near Camborne.

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Cornwall, it plans 22 houses in a Grade II listed former geriatric hospital and 28 houses in the 45 acres. Work is due to start next month, with the first homes ready in May. Prices are from £60,000 to £240,000.

At Lancaster Moor, Lanca-

shire, Raven plans to convert a Grade II listed building into 28 houses, and build 71 houses on ten acres, keeping 35 acres as parkland. Prices will be from £85,000 to £245,000.

Nick Burr, of Raven, says:

"We design the homes specifically for the site and incorporate architectural points in them from any listed buildings we find there. By converting these old buildings to residential use we are saving them for future generations."

ave Britain's Heritage is also concerned to do that. Emma Phillips, author of Mind Over Matter, a report considering the future of more than 100 psychiatric hospitals, says: "They are often wonderful buildings, designed by well-known architects and were objects of great civic pride. What we're worried about is an enormous blot on the landscape if large-scale development takes place in the grounds which is unsympathetic to the orginal building

and the site itself." She cites Moorhaven Village. in the southern part of the Dartmoor National Park, as an example of a sympathetic conversion. In 1994, Jonathan Mathys and Andrea Peacock bought Moorhaven psychiatric hospital and converted a large number of buildings into 100 homes.

A few places are still for sale, including a seven-storey water tower (£30,000), which could be turned into living and working accommodation. Mr Mathys reckons £60,000 needs to be spent on it. There is also a four-bedroomed house with a two-bedroomed cottage attached in six acres of paddeck for £750,000.

dock for £250,000.

Another village development is envisaged for the 19th-century Herrison psychiatric hospital, north of Dorchester, Dorset. The 87.89 acre site is for sale through Goadsby & Harding in Bournemouth. It has outline planning consent for about 430 homes, including another than the second
ing converted and new units. In Somerset, half of the 130 houses and flats which Pinecraven has developed at the old Grade II listed Mendip psychiatric hospital site outside Wells are now occupied. Prices in the Victorian building are from £54,000 to £75,000. On the 50-acre site, close to a cricket pitch and golf club, 21 three and four-bedroom houses have been built, with another 65 to go up next year. Prices are £90,000 to £110,000.

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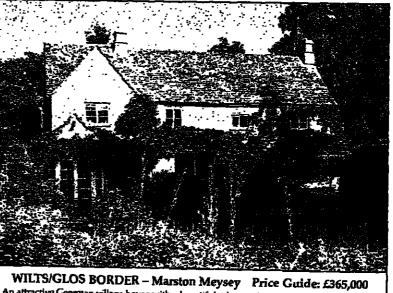
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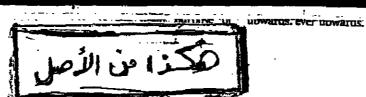
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SHOPPING

Coffee tables are back — as practical as ever but now in bold colours and adventurous designs and materials

Little tables with a lot of taste



home of the late 1990s.

bles more like a fashion accent," claims Craig Allen, a buyer for the Conran Shop in London. "People are more likely to change a coffee table than any other item of furniture. And they are getting bolder too; willing to be adven-

between consumer needs and the kind of materials in vogue. During the recession people and natural finishes, he says, but the "feel-good" factor draws them towards industrial polished metal, plastics and laminates in modish hues of lime green, orange and cerise.

Many of the smartest coffee tables are on castors. The Conran Shop's "Tavolo" (£695), designed by Gae Aulenti, has rubber wheels. Habitat's "Pietra" is a moveable feast of granite-look Italian cardosa stone on a steamed beech base at £249. The more modest Ikea "Timra" beech-veneer model with metal castors costs £69.

Tables with a function apart from being used to rest your coffee cups (and feet) are popular, too. Many have integral shelving or drawers for storage. More ingenious is Blue's glass-topped table with a built-in polished chrome fruit bowl.

Devotees of Parisian zinetopped bars can evoke a similar atmosphere in their living room with the sophisticated "Capuchin" table costing EL095 from the Conran Shop. The table surface is sheet zinc, which doesn't stay new-looking for long, but the patination is all part of the charm.

For those who admire the Japanese look. Corin Mellor has designed "Ramen". a pleasingly free-flowing and curvaceous birch-faced ply table. £195 at Conran.

The "Remus" table (£575) • from the Conran Shop ages with its owner, being made from deeply coloured "green" English oak, which will move and warp and possibly develop characterful lines and

> Tactile, coloured coffee taare the huzzword at

merly of the Italian furniture company Cappellini. Resin feels soft and user-friendly, especially in the "Spanna" table, a burgundy laminate on double-layered beechwood, perfect for clumsy red wine drinkers, and costing £249.

Mr Cappa favours clean lines and simple, elongated shapes, "though its difficult to tempt customers away from the rectangle or introduce different heights", he says.

Many people may be sur-prised to know that coffee tables are a 20th-century invention. Earlier generations would invariably rest their coffee cups on high console tables. Continentals still favour tall tables.

Coffee tables evocative of distant travels are bestsellers at the Andrew Martin shop in London, whether the modern classic, chunky, teak Thai

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carved table at £395-£750, the curvaceous coconut shell tables from the Philippines at £900, or the table comprising a couple of vintage Louis Vuitton leather suitcases pushed together (£600).

See-through tables are easy on the eye and work well in smaller homes. Seng Watson's futuristic, elliptical Perspex table (£1,200 to order) is half suspension bridge, half floating spaceship, and is available

at Tom Dixon's Space. Dixon's own shimmering lunar, dotty tables (£550) work well placed at jaunty angles. as do the fluid lines and soft modernity of Ikea's green-andwhite plastic "Njuranda" ta-

bles at £24. Some stylists are hailing an imminent revival of 1960s plastics, typified by Ecro Saarinen's "Knoll International" coffee table with a plastic tulip

TABLE OF TABLES

Pietra low table, Italian cardosa stone on a steamed beech base, £249 from Habitat

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Simon Moore, 0171-226 9880.

design, £735 from Knoll Inter-national. Mark Newson's bright red self-assembly "Gello" concertinas like a Chinese paper lantern, £250 from

David Gill. For the more eco-friendly, Simon Moore has designed "Funky Coffee Table Mark I" (£200), which is made to order from a mix of recycled plastic

amie Hart's "Wine Cage" (about £1,000 to order) was designed especially for wine lovers. Bottles can be stored inside the glass and mild steel table and are rotated as the wheels are turned on a clockwork-like mechanism - perfect for showing off your smartest empties, but hardly ideal for

serious vintages. Just as striking are Tom Barker's heart-shaped, mosaic-topped tables (£345 to order), which would look good in the garden, too — brilliant Mediterranean blue petalshaped mosaics are arranged

like a huge flower.

Both the above prototypes are at Ore Design, a young design workshop in Battersea, south London, where fantasy coffee tables can be created according to one's imagination

and budget.

For the terminally indecisive, Caroline Musson, a designer and shop owner of Ore Design, suggests her "Tri-table", a giant coffee table, ideal for television dinners, which divides in half to make two square tables when you eller, the garment carrier fea-tures a moulded carry handle, need more space. A recent commission was

from a fashion editor who wanted a coffee table large enough for her to design pages on yet still show the carpet underneath, and which was not made purely of glass. Ms Musson designed a 6ft by 5ft table with a frame of sandblasted glass, under-

pinned with a diverting steel cage effect and cannon ballsized steel feet. As Ms Musson explains: "Coffee tables deserve plenty of attention after all, we sit round them far more than dining tables."

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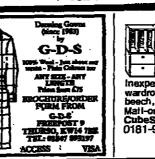
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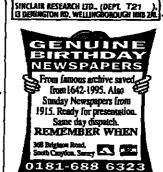
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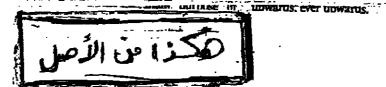
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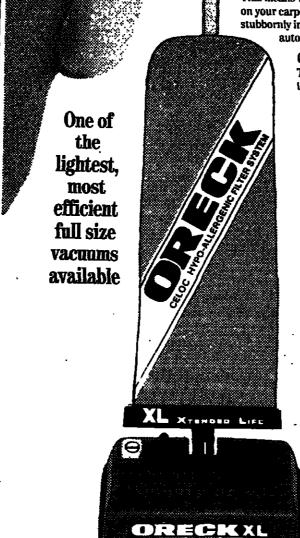
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THE ATLAS OF LITERATURE Edited by Malcolm Bradbury De Agostini Editions, £25 ISBN 1 899883 67 3

JAMES JOYCE famously said of Dublin that, if the city were destroyed, it could be reconstructed from his books. Pure hubris, of course; but the way his native city permeates his work is nevertheless astonishing. This handsome volume is

based on the premise that while Joyce may have been extreme, he was not untypical. It argues that there has always been a vital connection between writers and place, and sets out to delineate it. Its mechanism is a series of independent essays on places which have strong literary connections: most are heavily illustrated by annotated maps and photographs and are linked by a modicum of

commentary. It is not clear what Malcolm Bradbury's role as general editor involved, but I doubt it included any copy editing. I cannot believe he would have passed some of the extraordinary stylistic and factual lapses. What literary prof, for example, would pass a sentence like the following? "When the Great Exhibition was opened by Prince Albert in 1851 in the Crystal Palace in London's Hyde Park, it did not only signal Britain's proud, pioneering role in the technological revolution that was starting to transform mid-19th century Europe and America."

The cast of contributors is long and in part distin-guished. In the latter category one finds Arthur Miller (on Broadway). Valentine Cunningham (on the Spanish Civil War), Owen Dudley Edwards ton 18th-century Dublin and Edinburgh) and Christopher Bigsby (on various American locations and topics). Such luminaries are accompanied by a squad of jobbing hacks of the D. J. Taylor and Nigel West variety.

Not surprisingly, the collection is pretty uneven. Some essays stick closely to place. while others resemble A-level guides to whole artistic movements. Some contributions are informative or striking; others read like reconstituted guidebook stuff. But the book is redeemed by its livelier contributions, by having a bibliography and a decent index, and by retailing all kinds of useless if fascinating - information. The revelation, for example, that Henry James dined out on no fewer than 107 occasions in a single year may not change the world, but it helps to explain his extraordi-

Wonderless wasteland of Oz

Nigel Hawkes discovers how the arrival of man in the Antipodes 35,000 years ago spelt the death of a continent

THE FUTURE EATERS

The marsupials now extinct mostly went to fill the bellies of the first colonisers, long before Captain Cook's arrival. Among them were the marsupial rhino, seven species of kangaroo and giant wombats, the Australian equivalent of the megafauna of North America which also fell into man's traps and onto his stone-tipped spears.

But it happened earlier in Australia, at least 35,000 years ago. What was left were the swiftest marsupials, the kangaroos and wallabies, wombats which could hide underBy Tim Flannery Secker & Warburg, £12.99 ISBN 0 436 20351 0

ground and koala bears which could hide in trees. These survivors suggest by their very nature that it was a predator, and not climate change, which eliminated their fellows so comprehensively.

Flannery, who is the senior research scientist in mammology at the Australian Museum in Sydney. is an expert who carries his exper-

tise lightly. His thesis is that by destroying the ecosystem they stumbled on. Australia's first humans consumed their own future. He asserts that in spite of its small population, Australia is overpopulated, with between six and twelve million people more than the land can support - one of the few conventional ecological pieties in an

otherwise highly original book. Like Edward O. Wilson, whose love of ants underpins everything he writes. Flannery was clearly a born scientist, boiling dead kangaroos as a child in order to understand their anatomy. A poor mathematician another feature shared with Wilson

- his first degree was in Middle English literature, and he only became a scientist later. His PhD thesis was on the evolution of kangaroos.

A book as broad and sweeping as The Future Eaters is bound to raise the hackles of more conventionally academic scholars. But for the general reader it is a stimulating romp through Antipodean history, beautifully written and full of unexpected facts. For a nation long thought to have no history before British colonisation, Australia has provided a story of surprising



Aborigine: the first despoiler?

Potboiler leaves a Nazi smell

Peter Millar on a tired thriller

with the usual German suspects

GROWING up Jewish in Northern Ireland is, I imag-ine, an exotic enough experi-ence in itself. When the individual concerned then discovers a passionate love for Arabic languages and Egyptology and a high-flying academic career, it is unsurprising that when he turns to thriller-writing the results are

AUSTRALIA seems to inspire big

books that paint a gloomy picture of human behaviour. Robert Hughes's

magnificent Fatal Shore, about the

peopling of Australia, has now been

joined by the paperback edition of

Tim Flannery's book, which details

how those people, and their Aborigi-

nal predecessors, put paid to the

This, too, is a big powerful book, written in admirably spare prose and avoiding most of the traps set

for those attempting ecological history. Australia before man was a

canvas drawn in vivid colours and

never swept clean by the spread of

ice. Its animals were extraordinary and mostly doomed, for man

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native fauna.

extraordinary.

And so they have been. Daniel Easterman has a string of taut, exotically plotted, international thrillers to his credit. At his best, he can weave a web of suspense,



laced with historical and mythological references that bait the imagination, satisfactorily embroidered with bullet holes and bloodshed. All cracking examples of the

Which is precisely why his latest book. The Final Judgment, is such a desperate disappointment. The premise is tempting enough: the kidnap of a young Israeli boy living with his parents in JOHN NAUGHTON

Sardinia goes awesomely wrong, ending in his rescue but their murder. All despite THE FINAL JUDGMENT By Daniel Easterman HarperCollins, £16.99 ISBN 0 00 224156 0

the heroic intervention of his uncle, a grizzled war veteran and orthodox Jew from the disputed West Bank settlements. So far, so good, possibly, except that the heart sinks immediately the couple's murder is revealed to have been accompanied by a swastika daubed on the bedroom wall. Surely not? Surely the inventive Easterman is not going to turn out just another tale of neo-Nazis on the rampage. Oh yes, I am afraid he is.

The plot of this book is a

cobbled-together, unoriginal mishmash of off-the-peg Obergruppenführers and Italian maliosi. None of this is made better by numerous glaring linguistic howlers among the many German phrases dropped in for sup-posed authenticity. Mean-while the characters, from the geriatric Goebbels-fans to the well-meaning undercover agents of anti-imperialist Zionism are straight out of a hack-works.

Even on an interminable intercontinental flight, I found myself skimming the last hundred pages in the hope of reaching an unexpected, vindicating twist in the tale. All in vain. Yes, there was the usual quota of gory incidents, a climactic underground chase and a particularly predictable double-cross. But in the end, nothing spoils the impression that for once Easterman has signally failed





Tale of a tubby: Nigel Lawson before and after his diet - the results were so dramatic that some people thought he was ill

Taking no risks with inflation

in a way that he never quite managed with inflation. He approaches slimming rather as he did monetary policy — stressing the need "to adopt a small number of simple rules, and then stick to them over a sufficient period of time". His pocket-size book describing how is a low fat souffle account, light but nourishing. At 120 pages, it is much slimmer than the 1.100 pages of his "very fat" tome on his years as Chancellor.

Lawson rules out crash programmes. patent slimming products and elaborate calorie-counting systems. Instead, he recommends a commonsense approach aimed at developing good habits - the eternal goal of British macro-economic PETER MILLAR | policy. In the case of his waistline, the

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results are impressive. In nine months, he lost five stone, falling to less than 12 stone, where he has remained for a year. At first, he cut out alcohol, dairy

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indulgent world of journalism and politics, where food and drink fuel

conversation, and indiscretion. As with inflation and public spending, it was always easier to expand. Lawson was only forced to change by a crisis for once, not in the financial markets but by a painful knee and an embarrassingly cumbersome skiing holiday. The slimming had such a dramatic impact that some thought he was ill.

The leaner Lawson is obviously happier, but something of the old buccaneering Nigel - the fattie who didn't give a damn - has gone. I cannot see Kenneth Clarke doing the same.

PETER RIDDELL

NOVELS IN BRIEF

Little boy lost and found

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strange quest. Heller's blend of historical fact and dreamlike images conveys the tragic events of Herschel's story with a spareness that underlines their horror. The novel is also a fable about spiritual resurrection, written with considerable subtlety.

■ LET ME COUNT THE

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DEBORAH BOSLEY'S protagonist, wayward, chainwith an attractive American. Finn, only to find, after they are married, that he is HIVpositive as a result of a

previous affair with a man. When Frances learns that Finn is dying, she follows him to his mother's house in the Midwest in order to look after him in his last months. Bosley's account of the helpless anger Frances feels at the thought of Finn's imminent death seems entirely plausible, and her refusal to idealise either character makes their predicament seem all the more believable.

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At each chronological change, the narrative perspective shifts to accommodate new characters: Harrison's long-suffering wife. Marjorie. offers her view of events, as do the couple's four children. describing the effects on their lives of their father's violence lowards their mother.

But, convincing as these accounts are, you feel the point could have been made with greater economy.

CHRISTINA KONING

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When Britannia waives the rules

FUTURISTIC thrillers set far ahead in time allow the reader a semblance of comfort. "Not in my lifetime" has the same ring as "not in my back yard". but Salaman's novel set in the year 2010 is far more unsettling for its sheer proximity. describing as it does a brutish Britain with all alien features of the present subtly magnified into terror.

A Labour government has failed: likewise a Conservative backlash. The central institutions, pushed and pulled by varieties of political correctness, no longer work. Order is achieved by the populace locking themselves indoors, and law is impotent against society's lack of faith in it. The underclass of unemployed and unemployable, created by technology's decimation of an uneducated workforce, veers between subversion, aggression and the need to be entertained. Children smash cars, knowing nobody dares

prevent them. In this milieu, Heather practises as a barrister, defending a charismatic man accused of murder, and falls in love with him. Her leader in the case is curiously disinterested, less so her partner, who sees the defendant as hot material for a television documentary. She is haunted by ghostly messages, gremlins înside her apartment and an increasing awareness of being an unwitting part of a sub-plot in which the gurus of the time plan to neutralise those who have nothing to offer society by immersing them in a cocoon of inescapable plea-

By Nicholas Salaman HarperCollins, E16.99 ISBN 0 00 225008 X



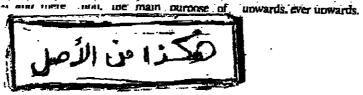
Salaman: anarchic future

sure, Virtual reality, no less. This is all very line, except that the conspiracy is neither explained nor convincing and the caricatured conspirators themselves only vary between Machiavellian deverness and clod-like stupidity.

But the strengths are twofold: firstly, in the creation of an atmosphere of confusion so cold that it is as insidious as fog: secondly, in the depiction of an ordinary, albeit talented. woman, falling apart.

The subtext of this sometimes patchy but severely chilling novel is the frightening nature of boredom and the seduction of half-truth. Salaman is one of the new breed who use the conventions of the crime novel to say much more. There is no moral and no solution, only warnings and a haunting twist.

FRANCES FYFIELD





Dads know best for stars in a class of their own Page 5



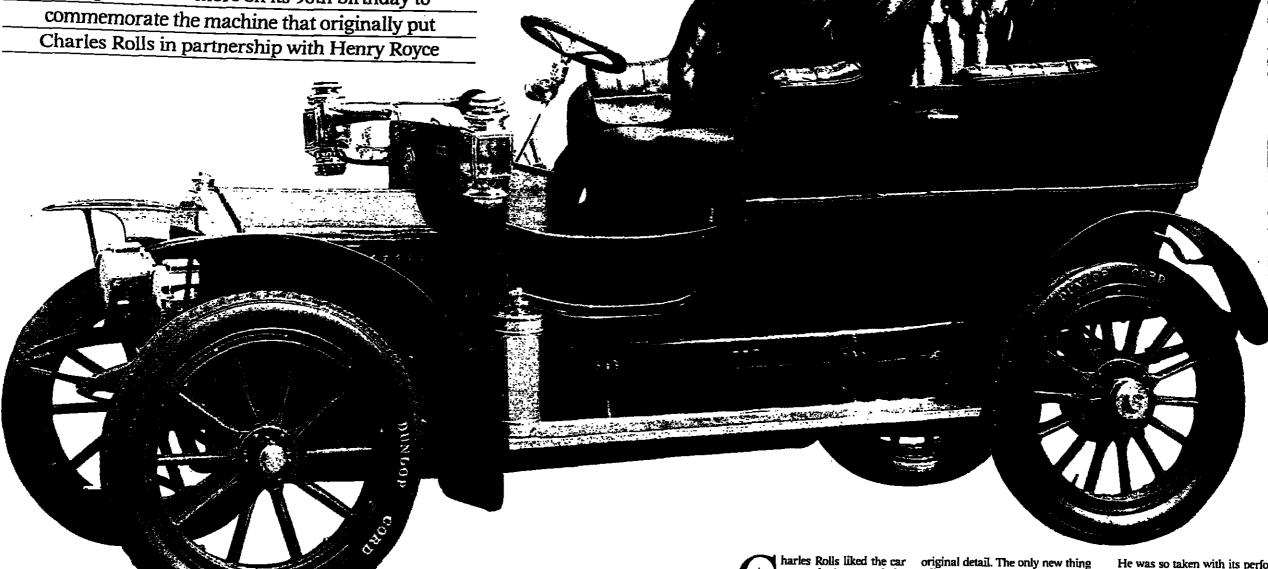
How Melanie turned her car into a fortress on wheels

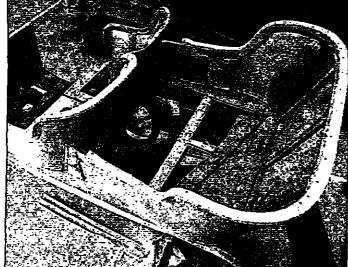


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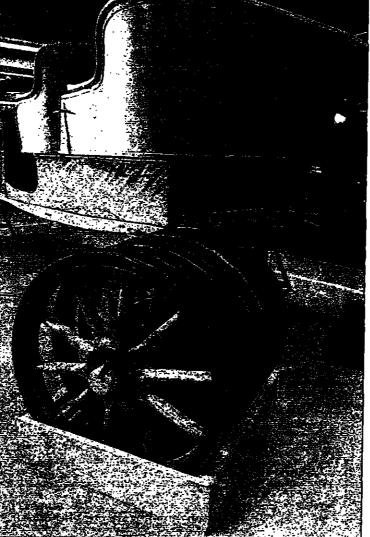
Stripped: model that made Rolls-Royce

But, reports Kevin Eason, next year the 10hp car will be together once more on its 90th birthday to commemorate the machine that originally put Charles Rolls in partnership with Henry Royce









The 10hp model in unrestored condition, top. is now unrecognisable as it undergoes complete refurbishment for its anniversary

so much, he started the business. Now, 90 years later, the model that helped establish one of the world's most famous car companies is being restored to original condition. It is also the model that convinced Rolls that he had spotted a rare talent when he first met

Henry Royce. The 10hp model is one of only three which survive as emblems of the earliest days of Rolls-Royce. As it stands in the restoration works of P and A Wood in Essex, the bare wooden shell is hardly recognisable as a car, let alone a Rolls-Royce; only the gleaming brass radiator serves as a familiar symbol.

But as much as £50,000 and a year's work will restore the 10hp to the condition it was in when Sydney Gammell, an Aberdeen doctor, bought his dark-green fourseater in February, 1907. Dr Gammell adored his Rolls-Royce so much he could not bear to see it sold or scrapped when he thought its useful life was over in 1920.

His doughty daughter decided it should be given back to Rolls-Royce and drove it from Aberdeen to the company's original Cooke Street factory in Manchester - no mean feat in days when even major roads were rough and ready tracks and the car was open to the elements. Rolls-Royce has kept the car

since, but decided to return it to pristine condition in time for its 90th birthday — a job easier proposed than done, according to Andrew Wood, His team has stripped every nut, bolt and washer from the car while he and twin brother, Paul, have scoured records and archives for details of the car's

"The car has to be as original as we can possibly keep it," says Andrew. "It would be easy to put new parts on to the car, but that would not be the original 10hp that Henry Royce built. So we restore

will be the paintwork, and that will protect rather than harm the car."

The detail is so painstaking that paint manufacturers are being checked to see if they can supply paint from the period. Connolly, the family firm that has supplied leather for Rolls-Royce from the start, dug deep into its vaults to find an original sample of black leather.

The small, dusty rectangle - a hide thicker and coarser than those used today - arrived at Wood's showroom by courier with a covering letter from Connolly director Anthony Hussey, which said: "It is like gold dust so please don't cut it and don't lose it, or a spell will fall on you and your stitching will never run straight." The threat was enough: Andrew Wood handed the piece immediately to a courier from Rolls-Royce who was instructed to take it by limousine to Crewe, keeping it in sight all the way.

The Wood brothers are the world's foremost experts on Rolls-Royce restoration, six years ago completing the legendary 1907 Silver Ghost - now insured for £15 million - with its silver and brass bodywork. Their devotion to detail is astonishing and their love for the cars shines like a beacon in the often cynical world of motoring.

"There were no cars like Rolls-Royces," says Andrew. "Royce was a genius, a brilliant engineer and the gap between these cars and other cars of their time was astonishing. The Silver Ghost was a huge step forward in its day."

The 10hp is not so highly valued. but plays as great a part in the company legend. A 10-horsepower car was the first model built by Royce, a Manchester engineer, in 1903. Admittedly based on a Deaucaville he had imported, Royce introduced a series of clever innovations to improve performance. Rolls, a wealthy adventurer, was selling imported cars in London when he came across the

He was so taken with its perfo mance that he went to Mancheste as quickly as he could. In 1904, the two men met for the first time in th. Midland Hotel, Manchester, and new company. Rolls-Royce. formed. The 10hp assembly line i Cooke Street only ran until 1906, s the Wood brothers are mystifie how the doctor managed to get model new from the factory in 1907 It might have been the last of the

line, or made as a favour by Royce In any event, it is an excellen example of Royce's distinctive engi neering style and ingenuity: at time when differentials were al most unknown, for example, the lohp had one; the lubricating box was made to send exact droplets of oil in sequences of between one and eight a minute to the clutch gearbox and engine, and the cast iron pistons in the two cylinders unusually work in opposition, with one up when the other is down, a principle Royce believed gave him better balance and smoothness.

he handmade ash frame and steel springs are, among the components that Wood's craftsmen are having to restore, also by hand. over painstaking hours. The nearside rear door is a crafty dummy; to get on to the rear seats. the front seat actually tips up and outwards, an unusual feature rarely seen on any car and now

working again.

Today, the 10hp is little more than a collection of bits, spread over Wood's workshop at Great Dunmow and Rolls-Royce's own factory at Crewe, where craftsmen are restoring the engine.

By February though, it will be gleaming and ready for a sentimental journey being planned by Rolls-Royce executives ... back to Aberdeen for a visit to doctor Gammell's family to say thanks for the donation of one of the company's most historic cars.

Forget when it was built. Consider who built it.



Hypocrisy is a nasty word; but what other fits a columnist who attacks caravans yet has a boat behind his car?

Oh, did I stomp on your tow?

orrection: readers of this column over the past couple of years may have gained the impression that art of Driven to Distraction's remit vas to encourage the removal from iur motorways of anyone towing inything, and in particular people

The impression may have been given that caravans were the curse of he age, that they were hideous tin ans which swayed along in the nside lane, often in convoy, causing zrief to other road users as they neaded for some otherwise unspoilt stretch of coastline.

On at least one occasion. I have widened these thoughts to include people towing boats and other icons of the leisure age. I may have suggested, speaking as a keen voyager on the high seas, that boats belonged on the water. They look ridiculous behind a car.

We now come to an incident last weekend at Sedgemoor services on the M5. I pulled into the overflow car walked towards the restaurant, I paper and looked at me again.





Peter Barnard

passed a man sitting on a plastic chair outside his caravan. He was reading a copy of Car 96. It was open

When I returned from remortgag-ing my house in exchange for a pot of coffee and something undefinable accompanied by chips, the aforementioned man was still his reading Car 96. He looked up from his newspaper, looked at me, looked at park and got out of the car. As I my car, looked back at his news-



I gained the impression from these small but significant head movements that he had made a connection between me and the photograph on this page (I knew this would happen one day). I got into my car and began to move out of the car park, driving very carefully. The man with The Times watched me for some time. He knew why I was being careful. I was towing a boat. I therefore wish to make it clear

oppose people towing caravans and boats up and down motorways has completely misunderstood my pos-ition: you really must read these words more carefully. But I apologise if I have inadvertently contributed to this distressing state of affairs.

Motorways are for all-comers, and long may they remain so. What we choose to convey along them is entirely our business and we do not want anyone telling us any different. It's a free country, for heaven's sake. that anyone who has deduced that I

the chairman and chief executive of Jaguar. ralking about? He says that in the year 2020, motorways may be computerised conveyor belts. with vehicles locking into tracks on the road surface and cruising at constant speeds.

Is this a joke? Apparently not. Scheele says that systems using short-range radar would help keep cars the right distance apart, but drivers would have to stay alert in case the computer system failed.

So the idea is to have cars travelling a fixed distance apart, but they would still need drivers in case the technology packed up. Not much comfort there, I would have thought. So we need to refine this idea.

My own view is that these tracks should be one-way only and instead of having a complex computer system and radar to keep vehicles a set distance apart, a much simpler system of red and green lights would be used, controlled from a central point. The individual vehicles could even be joined together, thus removing the risk of one colliding with another. Such a system would virtually remove traffic jams, the

biggest cause of delays.
I like the sound of this, after all. I am off to the patents office, before someone else gets in on it. There is a fortune to be made here. I have decided to call it a railway.

They are also playing around

with their insurance catego-

ries. But we believe some

motorists can expect to see

increases in their premiums of

around 10 per cent, while

for the cheapest prices, and

Ms Hadley says: "Typically, motorists who see their insur-

ance premiums falling do not bother to shop around. When

the premium rises, though,

they make three or four calls

looking for a cheaper policy."

The rises come against a

background of falling car

crime, the biggest component

in forcing up premiums re-

cently. Last year, car crime

cost insurance companies 5433

million, down from £464 mil-

tion in 1993 and 1499 millior

ut insurers have hardened their atti-

tudes to motorists

The advice is to shop around

others see no increase."

Vaughan Freeman on how motor

insurance premiums are set to

leap by up to a quarter as firms

try to end their bitter price war

otor insurance premiums will

jump by as

much as 25 per

Premium increases have al-

since May, says Motor Advice,

a consultancy in London.

James Wootten, a director,

says: "The fall in insurance

rates has finally come to an

end, with the first quarterly

increase in motor rates since

February, 1994. The prolonged

period of falling prices was

caused by vigorous cost-cut-

ting by new direct insurers

anxious to attract business away from the conventional

household names and High

companies were unhappy with

premiums being so low, and introduced a number of in-

A Motor Advice survey of

leading insurance firms shows

that between May and August

this year, the average cost of

fully comprehensive cover for

a male aged 30 driving a Ford

Fiesta, rose 13.5 per cent if

supplied by General Accident

Direct, by 13.4 per cent from Dial Direct, 12.6 per cent up from Touchline, 9 per cent from Preferred Direct and

8 per cent from Guardian

competitive in undercutting

rates, says Becky Hadley of

AA Insurance, that it was

inevitable premiums would

rise. She says: "Some insurers

are putting up their rates for certain categories, for instance

for motorists with more pow-

Insurance companies, especially those operating dial direct services, have been so

"This year, many insurance

Street brokers.

AA GRIDLOCK GUIDE

LONDON B2200 West Ewell; temporary lights on Chessington Road, allow for delays both ways. A4089 Wembley Park down to one lane for roadworks on Bridge Road outside the underground

station. A3216 Chelsea Bridge: daily roadworks 8am-6pm both ways, expect delays. A244 Feltham, waterworks have closed Hounslow Road at the Bader Drive junction.

 SOUTH EAST A423 Banbury; temporary lights in place 24 hours a day on the Southam Road until October 10.
A603 Bedford Bypass;
temporary lights at the Sandy
Lane junction until further

A4155 Bourne End; temporary traffic lights will control the traffic on Marlow Road for 24 hours a day between Sheepbridge Lane and Cessington Road until September 21. A339 Reading; the Inner Distribution Road will be closed at various points overnight from 9pm-6am until October 20.

M25 junctions 6-10; major ongoing roadworks both ways between Godstone and the A3. speed limits and shortnotice closures at night will cause delays until further

 SOUTH WEST M5 junction 17; roadworks until September 22 on the Bristol West Roundabout junction are likely to cause delays to all traffic wishing to join or leave the motorway at this point. A38 West Huntspill; temporary lights for roadworks

will regularly cause delays across Bleak Bridge until November 24, A429 Maimesbury; temporary lights in place 24 hours a day on Burton Hill until September 22. A3049 Bournemouth; resurfacing work underway on Holdenhurst Road, Major

delays are expected until A395 Pipers Pool; roadworks will cause long delays throughout the day near Launceston until September 24.

A386 between Bideford and Torrington is closed to all traffic for roadworks. Diversion via the A388 until September 20.

● MIDLANDS & EAST **ANGLIA** M42 junctions 3a-4 down to one lane overnight (9pm-6am) both ways between Birmingham and Shirley until A449, Hereford and Worcester, near Ledbury; temporary lights in the Malvern area until 16th October.

A52 Saxondaje roundabout lane closures for roadworks, with temporary lights controlling the traffic until eptember 30. A41 Wolverhampton:

temporary lights are in place on Briston Road at the Canal Bridge between Eagle Street and Chillington Street until March 1997.

• NORTH A663 Chadderton: major roadworks continue on the Broadway, traffic is down to just one lane each way until December 1. A565 Liverpool City Centre: great Howard Street is down to one lane between Boundary Street and Leeds

Street for cable works until October 7. A630 Rothernam: temporary lights in place on weekdays on Fitzwilliam Road, but closed at weekends until October 20. A190 Blyth; temporary lights on Main Street, Seghill near Blackworth Lane until

October 31. October 31.
A1018 Rythope, Tyne &
Wear, traffic restrictions in
operation on Stockton
Road near the Hospital until
November 15. A689 Hartlepool; restrictions caused by

roadworks, which will be in operation on Stockton Road between Greatham and the Lodge Roundabout until September 28. WALES

A482 Aberaeron: the Upper Aberaeron Bridge is closed for reconstruction work until March 1997. Diversions will take vehicles via Panteg Road and the A487, where there are temporary lights

in operation.

A4051 Malpas Road:
ongoing roadworks with lane
closures are in place between the Woodlands Roundabout and junction A472 Pontypool, expect delays through the contraflow now in place between Pontymoile and the Heron Roundabout. M4 junctions 34-35; down

to two lanes each way with a 50mph speed limit until October 31. • SCOTLAND M8 junction 15, Glasgow; restrictions on the slip roads at Townhead. The westbound Stirling Road entry slip and eastbound Castle Street

slips are closed until November 1. A93 Glasgow Road; temporary lights control the traffic along the whole length of the road until

A898 Erskine Bridge; only open to light vehicles and motorcycles, HGVs have to follow a diversion until December 30.

NORTHERN IRELAND County Antrim, Ballymena; construction work on the Northern Distributor Road at North Road will cause regular delays to traffic at peak times, until September 1, 1997.

A2 Carrickfergus; various restrictions in operation on Lame Road at the junction with Rawbrae Road. Expect delays at peak periods until



Dr Sandy Scott's car was left unattended for just a few seconds, feet from his front door. The theft cost him £20,000

Doctor branded as 'reckless' for a 20-second lapse

A driver loses a theft claim for leaving .

his keys in his car, writes Tony Dawe

Corrado, works out at about

£1,000 per second of loss," he

Dr Scott's case was men-

tioned briefly and anony-

mously in a report from the

Insurance Ombudsman earli-

er this year, but he decided to

publicise his complaints after

reading of the similar treat-

ment meted out to Simon

Scott. "I have always paid my premiums in good faith but

have been the victim of petty

"I have been a GP for 25

years and was on duty one

Sunday when I left my house

to go to my surgery to see a

patient. Realising that I had

left some papers behind, I got

out of my car, crossed the 20

feet to my front door and

started up my stairs. At that

moment, I heard my car start

Collins (Car 96, August 3).

A SHORT sprint up his front path has ended up costing Sandy Scott £20,000. For while the Oxfordshire doctor was running back into his house to collect some papers. his Volkswagen Corrado full of medical equipment was

The car has never been seen again but Dr Scott has been unable to recoup the loss because Legal & General, his insurance company, has refused to pay out. The Insur-ance Ombudsman has backed the company and described the doctor as "reckless".

The reason for such critiism of a respected member of he community is that he left us keys in the car. Despite he fact that it was broad laylight, that I live in a cul-deac in a small rural village in he Cotswolds and that the car vas left for only a few seconds. ne ombudsman has declined ny support," he says.

Dr Scott's dismay increased then his attempts to claim for re medical equipment under vo other policies were also jected. "The whole episode ok some 20 seconds which, ith the value of the contents

Key catch in theft cover



in time to watch it disappear,

A BMW belonging to Col-lins was stolen when he left it never to be seen again. "I was astonished when with the keys inside on a garage forecourt in Surrey Legal & General rejected my while he bought a sandwich. claim because I cannot accept GAN, his insurance company, that I was reckless to leave my also refused to pay up.
"Deny any claim seems to
be the precept of every motor
insurance company," says Dr keys in the car for a few seconds in such a quiet, out-ofthe-way spot.

"Worse was to come. The car had contained all the equipment and medical ephemera of a rural general practioner. As well as the medical bag, there were various crash bags, ECG machine, a defibrillator and nebuliser, portable oxygen

and much more. The insurance company covering my surgery equipment declined to pay on the grounds that this equipment was not its responsibility as it up and on rushing down was had been taken out of the

surgery. When I approached the insurance company cover-ing personal effects and household contents, it, too, declined to pay as most of the items were for professional use and not its responsibility. Was I expected to pay an extra premium to move equipment which would obviously be travelling with me?"

While Dr Scott has been left much poorer and powerless to beat the insurance companies. Collins, an oil company executive of Weybridge, Surrey, has decided to pursue his claim. "I" have been advised to write to the chief executive of GAN giving the firm 14 days to review the case and, assuming it does not reverse the decision, then progress to the ombudsman and, if necessary,

to a legal redress," he says.

INVENTED IN GERMANY

IN 1925.

erful cars, younger drivers, and less experienced drivers. Light machines top motorbike theft league SMALL motorcycles under 125cc are up to five times more likely to be stolen than more valuable machines, according

to figures issued by Norwich Union, Britain's biggest motorcycle insurer. The company's files show that only one motorcycle in the top 20 of those models most often stolen was over 125cc because low value bikes without security systems were easy to steal and ride. Even if owners fitted

immobilisers, the bikes were small enough to be lifted or wheeled into vans or cars and alarms could be almost as expensive as some of the cheapest motorcycles. Derek Plummer, Norwich union's marketing manager,

says: "It seems that most of the bikes targeted are either trail bikes or 'workaday' bikes used by teenagers and commuters to get to and from have increased 35 per cent.

work or college. Small bikes are often parked in accessible areas and usually have a lower level of built-in security.

rest will follow suit."

Association of British Insur-

Premium rates for motor

insurance have been falling

over the last couple of years

They are also lighter and easier for thieves to wheel away or throw into the back of a van. That means low value bikes top the list of targets for ioyriders who race them and then dump them."

MORWICH UNION issued a list of the top five bikes most likely to be stolen and advised owners to invest in a lock and chain until manufacturers come up with cheap security equipment which would be as effective as those offered by carmakers,

The warning comes as sales of motorcycles grow strongly, up 17 per cent so far this year with the strongest growth in the sub-125cr class of mopeds and scooters, sales of which

Most likely to go, the worst five for theft: the Kawasaki KDX 125 (4.6 times more likely than average to be stolen), Suzuki TSb 125R (4.4 times more likely). Yamaha DT 125LC (3.9 times), Yamaha DT 125R (3.6 times), Kawasaki KMX 125 (3.4 times more



Brakes put on Fiestas FORD this week recalled more than 80,000 Fiestas made at

MEWS IN BRIEF

Dagenham in Essex for brake checks. The company says some owners complained that they had to press the brake pedal too hard, and identified possible contamination of the brake fluid. Owners of the Fiesta or Courier van made between June 1995 and July this year should contact their dealer for a free checkup.

Ball bored

STRANGE but True number one: for reasons which shall remain unfathomable, Green Flag, the breakdown people, asked England soccer team members what they thought of advertising hoardings on motorways. Breathlessly it reports that nine out of Il players gave a thumbs down. So now you know.

Lifetime guarantee

Strange but True number two: murder was the leading cause of death in car-repair shops, showrooms and filling stations in America last year. More than 120 people died, while five workers were murdered on car assembly lines. The good news is that murders in new car showrooms fell from 13 in 1994 to four last year. So that's all right then.

What, no Bond Bug?

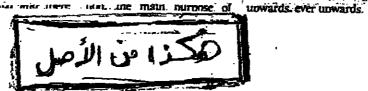
IAMES Bond gets his own display next month at the Paris Motor Show. Bond cars from 17 movies are on show, ranging from the DB5 to the Citroen 2CV featured in For Your Eyes Only. Brittany Ferries is offering a package: £139 for two people, including two nights bed and breakfast. Details on 0990-360360.

AUTOFAX by Les Evans and David Long

IN 1930 A ROVER LIGHT SX BEAT THE FAMOUS BUE TRAIN FROM THE RIVIERA TO CALAIS BY ALMOST 3







Sue Baker joined the longest-ever cavalcade of Rolls-Royces and Bentleys, at the smartest rally in Europ

Normandy's smartest invasion

handeliers at breakfast, smoked salmon and champagne for lunch, and dinner in the marbled splendour of a casino. Three barons, a count, three lieutenantcolonels and a deputy lord lieu-tenant among the drivers: this was no ordinary car rally.

Deauville, the Normandy resort, was host to the Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts' Club's Euro Rally. The manicured town was put into suspended animation last week by a 176-car procession, the longest cavalcade of Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars ever staged. With French police in squads of Peugeous shepherding the proces-

sion, the trundling queue stretched all the way from the lavish seafront Hotel Royal, which was the rally's headquarters, to the Hippodrome, where never before had so much horsepower been held in such restraint as the cars lined up to be judged for their pernickety perfection in a concours d'elegance.

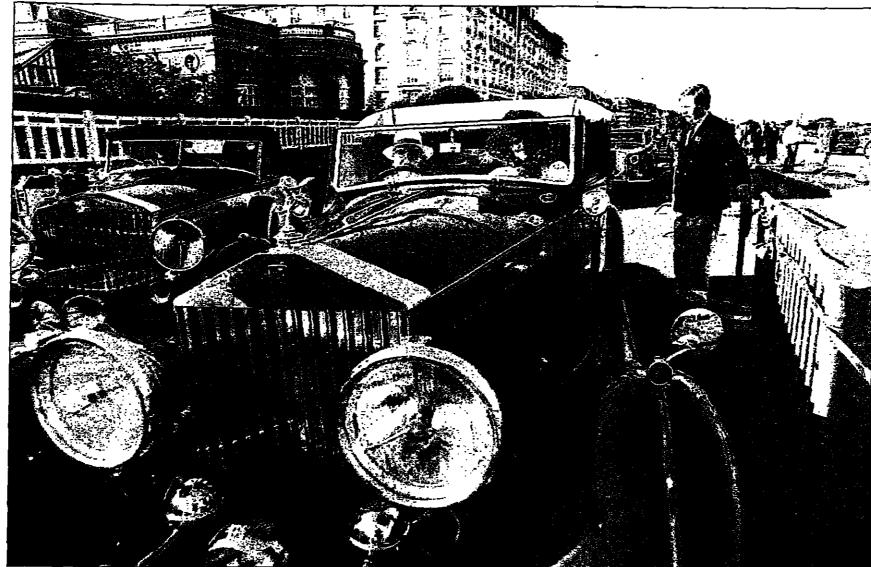
Before the cavalcade began, the talk was not of records, but of derring-do and near disasters. Just as the rally started, a British Corniche owner faxed headquarters saying his car had collided with a Peugeot in Basingstoke, and as he couldn't come could he please have a refund.

An embarrassed Frenchman arrived with one entire side of his Silver Shadow mortally blemished. He confessed to driving off the road after falling asleep at the wheel. A German owner sported a pristine new hood on his beautiful dark green 1938 Bentley Tourer and had a stirring tale to tell of the original hood being ripped right off by wind roaring through the car's open sides as it

came by train from Berlin. He engaged the services of a Cologne coachbuilder, found by chance in the phone book, who agreed to work through the night to fashion a replacement. It was completed at 3am and the owner departed by road to Normandy. only to have a tyre burst on the

autobahn near Aachen. The mishaps continued. Just as the cavalcade in Deauville was about to begin, a woman driving a 1955 Bentley S-series Continen-tal collided with a Renault. Pride took a bigger denting than the car. Potentially the most disastrous incident of all was the event's nearest miss: AX 201, the

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The 176-car Deauville rally was marred by a collision between a Bentley and a local Renault, and the original Silver Ghost was nearly smashed by a Citroën

original Silver Ghost, the most famous Rolls-Royce of them all and the most valuable car in the world - insured for £15 million was the guest star of the cavalcade but narrowly avoided catastrophe when a lame-brained Citroen driver swung suddenly

Even then, the Silver Ghost was making sounds like the clopping hooves of a slightly arthritic Shetland pony. Despite liberal spraying of water, AX 201's cherry wood wheels were suffering the unwelcome effects of dryness in the fine weather and were clicking their contraction.

Deauville was temporarily full of Mr Toads from nine nationalities, and there was much joshing between drivers. A Frenchman, whose 1953 R-Type Standard Saloon sported a diving amphibian mascot, was teased by a British chum: "So now you're a

frog with a toad on his bonnet." A lively contingent from Essex used the running board of Southend stockbroker Ben Grew's 1923 Barker-bodied 20HP Tourer as a bench seat for their picnic lunch. The car's original owner was the Nizan of Hyderabad and it has a

rally. Grew revealed, the car caught fire on a train in Italy. The repair bill was £19,000.

arked alongside was a 1928 New Phantom Boattail Tourer, 19-feet long with a massive pointed Its owner, Hornchurch builders' merchant Malcolm Law, joked that the car representa hell of a lot of bricks and blocks". He and wife Josie have been club members for 19 years. "It keeps us poor but it keeps us happy. Our entire social life flamboyant horn shaped like a revolves around this silly old, boa constrictor. On a previous ruddy car," he said wearily.

Law also suffered a mishap on a previous rally. He backed the car into a lake. "I'd been drinking champagne. After we hauled it out some wag stuck a notice on it

saying boat trips every hour." Despite their sybaritic image, some of the early cars are sparse on creature comforts. Liz Field wore a lavish hooded silver fox coat over a ski suit and wellies for the drive from London to Deauville in her husband's 1912 Silver Ghost. She recently travelled to America for a weekend seminar for Gals", a kind of automotive survival course organised by an

American owner's wife for other women whose husbands own early Rolls-Royces.

She says that when they married, her husband did not want children, so they struck a deal. "I could have children if he could have a Rolls-Royce. So I had two children but now he's got six Rolls-Royces." This one, nicknamed Bertie, has a formidable thirst. "It's not so much a question of how many miles per gallon, it's about two hours to a tankful." It is just as well that its in Pennsylvania called "Ghosts" owner's business is thriving. He manufactures printing machines. They print money.



Lily livery: the Bentley frog embler

Top club or four wheels

HOME TO the Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts' is The Hunt House, an imposing 1860s li building in the Northamptonshire villag Paulerspury. Built as the headquarters of Grafton Hunt, it now houses the orig factory documentation of more than 100, of the world's most opulent cars. The com believes that more than 75 per cent of all ever made survive today, and the clul official custodian of the Rolls-Royce archi

from 1904 to the Silver Shadow. The building's traditional character h remarkable modern facilities. Discreetly cealed behind the old stable block, which been converted into a comprehensiv equipped car workshop, is a 250-seat lect hall. The stable yard has been gravelled a display area.

THE CLUB has nearly 8,500 members, a th of them overseas. You do not have to ow Rolls-Royce or Bentley to be a member, most do. The annual meeting, held this year Althorp, is the largest gathering of Ro Royce and Bentley cars in the world.

It is an immensely wealthy club. Under canny steerage of Eric Barrass, a reti-Lieutenant-Colonel who was club secretary able wealth, including a headquarters valu at £1.5 million and assets of around £500,6



Cars like this Bentley S2 Continental are costly to fix, but well-cared-for ones last hundreds of thousands of miles

he facts and figures are a glittering array of temptation: 6.75-litre V8 engine, parchment hide upholstery, burr walnut measured in square feet, air conditioning, lambswool rugs, crafts-manship throughout its 17ft Sin length. Behind its colour-coded, steel-mesh radiator grille, twin fans turn like aircraft propellers.

This is the Bentley Eight. The price? No. not £100,000-plus: a good, mid-1980s, oneowner model could be yours for £25,000. Just to get that into perspective, a new Ford Scorpio 24-valve Ultima is £29,345, a Rover Sterling. £29,086, and the cheapest 7series BMW, £35,850.

The Bentley is ten times better than current mass-produced executive cars at those prices. Unlike them, in a year's time, its residual price is likely to be much as it is today." says Paul Wood, who, co-runs Rolls-Royce and Bentley distributors P and A Wood at Great Dunmow, Essex.

And they are durable, says Paul. pointing to a dark-blue Bentley Eight. "We sold it to its one owner in 1988 and it has covered 188,000 miles. We see it regularly every 6,000 miles for servicing. The owner has no plans to sell it and enjoys driving it."

But beware before you think of buying: a service for this car typically costs about £1,000. So basic servicing costs for the Eight's life so far at today's prices have been at least

If extra work were needed on the Bentley — a new set of

Cheap to buy — but not to run

Stuart Birch finds the real price of a second-hand Rolls or Bentley

for example — the bill might rise to £2,000. A complete Rolls-Royce or Bentley exhaust is typically £1,000 but Paul says it is unusual for the whole system to need replacing at once. A new set of door seals costs around £500 fitted.

Tuel consumption for the Eight is typically 10mpg around town, 18mpg on the motorway," he says. "Rolls-Royce engines are designed to use oil. Typical consumption is 500 miles to a litre, so it's worth checking regularly, but post-1987 cars are hetter."

If an owner does not check both oil and water regularly the cost of engine damage can be daunting. A just-completed Benuley Mk VI six-cylinder engine overhaul totalled £15,000 with auxiliaries. "But properly looked after, these engines really can last for ever.

Royce engine wear out," says Paul. "An S2 Continental which we have maintained since 1968 has done 437,000

the Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit, Bentley Turbo R and Mulsanne from the 1980s are also tempting buys. A 1989 Mulsanne would be around £35,000 in first-class condition; a 1990 with reactive suspension another £10,000.

book and looking around the sitting room to see what you might sell, you might pause a or Bentley can become.

miles; it had one engine overhaul at 214,000 miles." As well as the Bentley Eight,

If by now you are reaching for your building society passmoment to consider what sort of emotional tie a Rolls-Royce

One customer has owned a 1959 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud I from new. He wants it restored to as-new condition. Cost: £100,000 - but its resale value will mohahly he only

"For many people, though, it is an emotional thing; the work does not simply equate to cash. They've lived with these cars for many years and they're part of the family, like

a house or fine furniture." Another customer was given a Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud III Mulliner Park Ward fixed-head coupe in 1964 by proud parents when he graduated from Harvard. He later parted company with it but recently found it again, bought it and is having it restored. That is also costing a six-figure sum.

Remarkable sights await visitors to the P and A Wood showroom. On the day I called, its contents included a 1986 Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit at £28,500; a 1981 version at £17,500 and a 1976 Bentley T (18,000 miles from new) at £26,500.

A 1958 Bentley \$1 Continental Park Ward drophead coupé was £165,000, with a 1931 Vanden Plas Open Tourer for the same money. Concours cars included a 1959 Bentley Si, "totally original" at £72,000, a superb Bentley Mk VI 1947 Gurney Nutting Sedanca Coupé at £140,000.

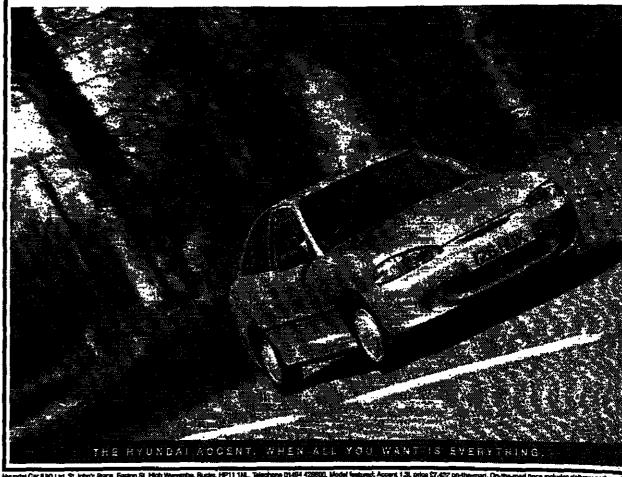
They were all sensationally beautiful and more desirable than almost anything else on the road. They have elegance, and drive as sweetly as many new cars even though their engineering is decades old.

The temptation was almost too great to resist ... but, thankfully for my bank manager, I was able to put my financial Satan behind me only to dream of owning one of



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Kevin Eason reports on junior karting, a competitive family sport that can lead to motor racing's top le







Formula One driver David Coulthard offers trackside tips to 14-year-old Luke Hines (left); father and son team Ian and Ben Franklin, aged 12 (centre); and aspiring racers show off their cornering skills

Racing stars of the future start with a kart

aces clustered around the E60,000 motorhome waiting to see the star driver emerge from his brief moments of rest between qualifying and final. They gawped as the door opened and gasped as he wiped his eyes, searching for the food and drink to sustain him through the race: a packet of salt and vinegar crisps and a bottle of Lucozade.

Little Lewis Hamilton is only II years old and already he is a star at the race track.

Lewis looks as good as Muhammed Ali but moves like a bee and stings like one too; only in karting three years, he is British champion, Formula Cadet champion, Five Nations champion, STP champion and TV Kartmaster champion. He wrapped up his 35race season last weekend at the McLaren Mercedes Champions of the Future event where he was so far ahead on points, he could afford not to race.

Just as well, because his kart broke down on lap one - which gave dad the problem of fixing it. Tony Hamilton, a computer consultant, got the five-horsepower 60cc kart – enough to get Lewis's jockey weight to 60mph — to the chequered flag first enough times this year.

Next season, a team of specialists will take over because Lewis, from Stevenage, Hertfordshire, is on the track to the Big Time with sponsors queuing to pay for a season which costs around £30,000 to keep an 11year-old in winning ways. Karting is one of the biggest junior sports in the country, attracting hundreds of wannabe Damon Hills and David

Coulthards. Lewis already has the financial help which means he will have a competitive kart as he moves through the ranks where top teams have pit garages as busy and sophisticated as any adult race outfit. But for dozens of drivers,



Karting king, aged 11: Lewis Hamilton has swept the board

karting is a family event where dad does the repairs and mum makes sure the race overalls are clean, the helmet polished. Mum and dad scrimp and save to buy the £2,000 karts, the overalls, helmet, gloves, spare parts, tyres and transport; on race day, mum becomes pit crew to push the kart to the grid while dad worries about strategy.

The coolest people trackside are the kids themselves, many experienced racers with brains as icy as Schumacher's and skills that would terrify ordinary road drivers twice

their age.
At Buckmore Park in Kent last weekend, Ian Franklin busily repaired a shattered brake drum for his 12-year-old son, Ben. Mum

insisted the brakes should be perfect because Ben broke his arm in a crash last year which put him out of the sport for five months.

can't watch," said Karen Franklin, as she sat in the family camper van playing cards with daughter Joanna, who is ten. "After that accident, I am always terrified when he goes out on the track."

No wonder, for these junior karters drive like maniacs, careering into corners, correcting over-steer with flicks of the wheel, powering out into straights and overtaking with no hint of fear.

oulthard - former karting champion, now McLaren Formula One driver whose own sponsored drivers Niki Cleland and Rvan Dalziel took part - says karting teaches drivers how to overtake. You learn about how to set up the kart, how to overtake, how to control the car -all things you need later in racing. It's a great way to start because it is pure racing."

Ron Dennis, McLaren's managing director, sponsored the event to encourage the stars of the future. He says: This series was our way of giving something back to the sport and a way of encouraging the kids who in ten years' time will be Formula One stars, we hope."

A dream shared by children like Lewis, who already has his heart set on being a star. Yet he is so seasoned that he was unabashed by rubbing shoulders with Coulthard or being congratulated by Dennis, a potential future employer. "I love driving and I want to get into Formula One," he says in a clear bid for Coulthard's seat. "It's great fun. Better than school."

Absolutely: the uniform's cuter, admiration deeper ... and David Coulthard says the pay is better. Stick at it Lewis; that McLaren car beckons.



Kart contenders get last-minute advice on the starting grid from team managers - mostly their dads

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Enthusiasm bubble entered the briefing until we saw the com The McLaren team Coulthard, McLare boss and former ra Dennis, and Hines world Kart champio there was David Les. ish Touring Car dr



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Honda, and Steve F European truck champ I knew we were in t the minute the helmets out: we were dressed rowed suits (mine was for Desperate Dan) ar mets: Coulthard came his own bright yellow co made lid. Dennis dres the Black Shadow, men in all-black

As the laps ticked b discovered the gap be expert and novice. Cou was cocky. Dennis a der the wheel seemingly o demonstrate a few Fo. One skills. When we nine laps behind. I figui would have to bow to g skill. But so too did D and Coulthard. They

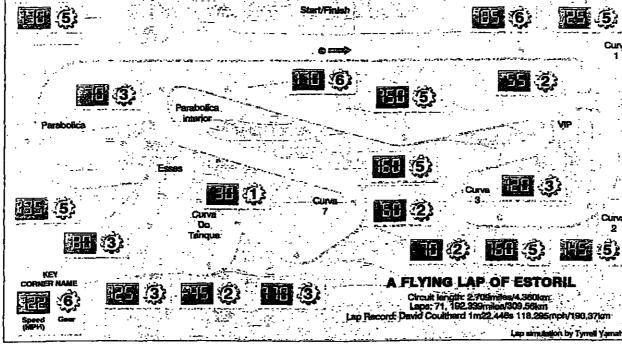
How heroic Hill could lose the title



appointment of Heinz-Harald Frentzen to the coveted Williams drive has bewildered the casual grand prix viewer, for his is not a name that we have seen fighting for podium finishes this season. As Williams lines up for Monza, its confidence in Frentzen lies in reviewing his performances over the past few seasons taking into account the modest competitiveness of his Sauber car. Last year in Portugal.

Frentzen demonstrated the form that impressed Frank Williams by qualifying fifth and, after ultimately starting at the back of the field. storming through to finish sixth. He will be hoping to repeat this sensational form tomorrow to prove that Williams has made the right decision.

Meanwhile, Damon Hill will be hoping to prove otherwise in his efforts to leave as 1996 World Champion. It is not a time for heroics from Hill, however, for with a 13point lead over Villeneuve, the championship should be his providing he finishes in the points in the next two races. With Williams reliability being pretty good his greatest rick is oning off, as happened



It is Williams's number-two driver Jacques Villeneuve who has everything to gain and nothing to lose providing Hill is still on the track. Last year David Coulthard took his maiden grand prix victory here as Damon's teammate, and given Williams's likely superiority on the fast-cornered track. Villeneuve must have a good chance of taking that win he needs, cruelly wrenching the championship

from Hill's clutches. With a hat-trick of victories in his sights, though, Michael Schumacher will try to take advantage of the fact that strategy is complicated here, perhaps compensating for his Ferarri being less competitive on this high tyre-wear Estoril

But it might be worth watch-

successor, as Frentzen's car is nowhere near as competitive as the Williams. It is, however, still an astounding machine. as I discovered with a test drive at the new Austria circuit recently.

My six-year grand prix career ended in 1989, after which I spent a couple of years test-driving McLaren's Formula One cars, so it was five years ago that I last drove a contemporary Formula One car. At the time they were powered by 3.5-litre engines and most still had mechanical gear levers.

Instant impressions were of light steering and driving ease at modest speeds. Push the accelerator deeper and the torrent of wailing power from the 3-litre just goes on and on. I kept thinking that it must be

orange, then red, dashboard light signals the need for a new gear. Performance is dominated by this amazing engine's appetite for revs. A road car engine peaks at about 6500rpm; my 1989 Tyrrell's at

Reeping a modern grand prix car on the boil means holding the revs between 13,000 and 16,000rpm. And when you do. the performance is shattering: O-150mph in about seven seconds, for example. After first, the remainder of the six gears are selected by pulling on the right hand flipper, and when you do so your foot stays hard on the accelerator. With a minimal jerk the next gear is

instantly engaged. The power of the brakes is engine. Time after time would have to accelerate into the corner again, having braked too early and never did I get near the suicidally late. but correct, braking points.

At least you don't have to concentrate on beautifully synchronised heel and toe downchanges any more: each pull on the left-hand flipper changes down to the next gear, with a perfect rev of the engine, automatically.

With so much downlorce the cars are phenomenally stable so you can weave around with gay abandon at 185mph. Of course cornering grip is immense, and with no roll and light steering, great skill, courage and familiarity are required to come near to finding the limits, and that certainly wasn't going to be achieved in

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Old prejudices that condemned diesel cars as slow and lethergic were dented by Citroen with the introduction of the ZX range. The turbo-diese version in particular produced performance usually associated with the smoothness and speed of petrol-driven hatchbacks. The ZX arrived in Britain in 1991 and the diesel alternatives were led by the normally aspirated 71 brake horse power 1.9-fitre XUD engine. The turbo 1.9 diesel turned heads though, especially when coupled to an automatic transmission from 1992. Then the first diesel 'hot hatch', the ZX Volcane TD, arrived a year later. The ZX is available in three and five door hatches, olus an estate.



CARMART: YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S NEW, AND WHAT'S USED, ON THE FORECOURTS



Oh, for the pleasures of top-down summer motoring - but not in the flimsy Escort

is not often you get to road-test a car that reacts L to every bump in the road as though it were tuning up for a symphony, writes Kevin Eason. As soon as the wheels of the Ford Escort Cabriolet hit even a minor divot, the body suffered a major reaction.

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Rather like a tuning fork, the vibrations rippled through the chassis to shake out even the most recent fillings from the teeth of long-suffering occupants.

This summer, you may have looked up at the sunshine and down at the family hatchback and thought how nice it would be to have a soft-top. You might have considered buying the top-selling convertible in its category - and thought: Hmmm. I know it's an Escort, but why not?"

Stop now, dear reader, before a terrible mistake is made. Do not buy a soft-top unless you have proper money to spend. The Escort Cabriolet might look pretty, but it is too seriously flawed to warrant all but the attentions of the most desperate poseur.

The Escort is a muchimproved range, with attractive and comfortable interiors, excellent stereos and a rideand-handling package which is much better than before. Except for the Escort Cabriolet.

Ford's engineering chaps have not solved the problem of what we alleged experts describe as "scuttle shake". In

ROADTEST

Shake, rattle and cabriolet

other words: take the roof off and the car loses its rigidity. The best manufacturers strengthen the chassis to prevent the car twisting and vibrating in a way which would normally be controlled

by the roof and its supports. The Escort has lots of scuttle shake, which leads to rattles around the car, while there is plenty of roll from the fairly squishy suspension. With all that shake, rattle and roll, even Bill Haley and his Com-

ets would have to struggle to keep up. The Escort Ghia I drove was

pleasant enough and the equipment levels are high. But the poor quality of the drive and the underpowered engine meant frustration grew with each mile.

And this is not such a cheap car: the £17,000 asking price puts the Ghia version into MGF territory and not far away from convertibles with a far higher pedigree.

And it's only an Escort, after all. The Escort might be Britain's favourite Cabriolet but, quite honestly, if you are so desperate for top-down motoring, save your money and put it all on the national lottery. Then, if you're lucky, you can buy a Porsche, MGF or Mercedes which doesn't react to road surfaces like a

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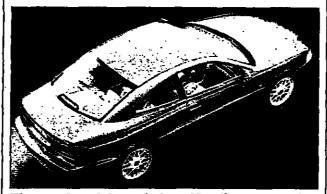
Volvo built for thrills

First sight of the new coupé from Volvo reveals a long. sleek shape of a type rarely associated with the traditional Swedish workhorses. These are new times for Volvo though, and the C70 is the next step on the path from boredom to excitement. Thought out in Britain by TWR - the company which belongs to Tom Walkinshaw, owner of the Arrows Formula One team the new coupé is revealed for the first time at the Paris Motor Show early next month.

Volvo promises it will be both elegant and sporty, with a 240 brake horse power turbo-charged engine. Sales in the UK should start around the middle of next year, making a significant impact on Volvo's image, and the start of a series of "specials" based on the new 40 series, which will include a convertible.

Walkinshaw has been given the job of "brightening" Volvo's image with these new cars, but he as already started by doing a sterling job on the track with Volvo's team in the British Touring Cars Championships. The company started last season with two 850 estates as little more than a joke but the Swedes and Tom Walkinshaw have had the last laughs this year with a series of wins

Now the carmaker is transferring Walkinshaw's sports expertise from track to road.



The new shape is long, sleek, and hardly Scandanavian resurgence.

Germans in spy-hunt



programmed automatically to take a picture each time one of the company's secret new models flashed by. Car companies are used to the trauma of spy photogra-phers with long lenses but this

was a new threat and so upset Ferdinand Piech, VW's chairman, that he has hired a private detective to track down the culprits. Audi, VW's sister company, has already given up using the track because of security breaches.

So far, the usual suspects news photographers - have pleaded not guilty, leading to worries that the camera was linked to industrial espionage. The camera could have snapped a series of sensitive pictures, including the next Golf, a new mini-car and the new Passat. An unidentified model was also pictured, it is believed.

VW has just lauched the Passat and remains Europe's biggest carmaker with sales improving, and Audi, a one-time millstone, enjoying a

turbo-diesel is worth seaking out over the non-turbo 71bhp 1.9 normaly aspirated diesel, as the turbo offers better performance with little if any penalty on fuel consumption LOOK FOR Cars from 1994 benefit from driver side airbag as standard on all models, as well

Highly rated to sophisticated performance,

gulet-running and smooth power delivery. The 92bhp turbo-diesel is worth seeking out

as seatbelt pre-tensioners and new front-end cosmetic treatment. Automatic transmissions are smooth but check service history.

SAFETY RATING
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BEST SELLERS

CARMAKERS have put millions of pounds into promoting their new models, changing the traditional list of top-ten best sellers in Britain. Peugeot, with the 306, Renault with the Clio, and Fiat with the Punto, have nudged into the league tables alongside the Big Three of Ford,

Rover and Vauxhall. The top ten best sellers to August this year are: I, Ford Fiesta: 2, Ford Escort; 3, Ford Mondeo; 4. Vauxhall Vectra; 5, Vauxhall Astra; 6, Vauxhall Corsa: 7. Rover 400; 8, Peugeot 306; 9, Renault Clio: 10. Fiat Punto.

Lion's successful pride PEUGEOT has burst into the top ten best-selling cars list with

the 306 by producing a series of new models. As well as the hatchback, there is the British-built Sedan version and now the Roadster, which provides a removable hard-top for the convertible. The car has a 2-litre engine, helping it to a top speed of 120mph. Equipment includes alloy wheels, alarm and immobiliser and twin airbags: price £19,995.



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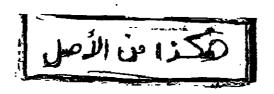
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meets a woman

who has yet to put a price on the security of her

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hat BMW in the car park might look tempting to thieves - but breaking in would be like trying to find a way into Fort Knox. For Melanie de Mariveles has spent £6.000 turning her car into a mobile fortress.

When most of us lock our cars and walk away, we often wonder whether it will still be parked in the same spot when we return, even though it might be loaded with the latest anti-theft gadgets. Melanie, aged 33 and the owner of a car hi-fi firm in Virginia Water, Surrey, decided that the standard security package - which in-cludes central deadlocking and alarm - on her £19,800 BMW

320i just wasn't enough.

She says: "I've had a lot of hi-fi kit fitted in the car and I needed something that would ensure noone would run off with it. There's nothing worse than having someone mess with your belongings. But everyone takes car security very seriously these days."

Attempt to break any of the windows on Melanie's BMW and the glass might shatter, but it won't cave in. A transparent film of laminated polyester known as Secur-Fix has been applied to the inside of each window, holding the broken glass in place. It keeps thieves out and will prevent injury from glass splinters in a collision. Even if thieves did manage to

break in and drive off her BMW. they will not get far: a mile in fact, for that is when the engine will cut out, lights will flash and an alarm will blast. The system is called "Blackjack", the latest antidote to carjacking, which doesn't immobilise the car until the thief is a safe distance away from the victim to prevent the frustration of failing to get away turning into attack.

Not that thieves should get that close anyway, for Melanie's



Melanie de Mariveles and her super-secure BMW: she can go to sleep at night knowing it will still be there in the morning

BMW talks. Something described as a "digital dual-zone proximity sensor" knows when someone nasty is near and tells them to "move away". If they don't, the system activates a loud blast from the alarm. Should Melanie ever forget to shut the windows or sunroof, the job will be done for her by the on-board computer.

Ithough car crime fig-ures have fallen by 4 per cent for the third consecutive year, according to Home Office statistics, Melanie is well aware that car crime remains the largest category of all crime in the UK. Cars are stolen or broken into at a rate of one every 24 seconds - a total of 1.3 million recorded offences last year.

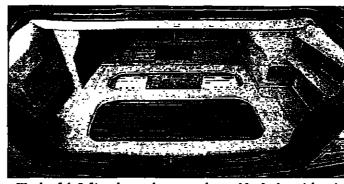
Having been a victim of a ramraid at her shop, where thieves got away with £20,000 worth of stock. she has learnt the hard way.

"I know all the weak points a car thief can spot and I make sure I don't give them a single opportunity," she says. Melanie has a ritual for locking up her car before



she leaves it, removing the stereo, hiding valuables and locking belongings in the boot. "It's not just about keeping the

BMW secure, though," she adds. There are several features designed to look after me as well." If she returns to her car late at



The keyfob (left) activates the system housed in the boot (above)

night, a button on the keyfob will switch on her headlights, helping her locate it quickly and light her way. If she feels threatened. another button will unlock the doors, sound the siren and flash the indicators. Once safely inside, the doors will lock automatically when she starts the engine.

Some people may call her paranoid but Melanie adds: "It might be an awful lot of money to spend on car security, but at least I sleep easily at night. I know

people who have their evenings ruined just worrying whether their car is safe."

But the ultimate device is yet to be fitted to her car - an automatic engine starter.

Melanie is also looking to use the system on cold winter mornings. "I'll be able to lean out of the window, start the engine but keep it locked and alarmed, so that when I leave for work the car will be nice and warm and the windows defrosted."

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Can I beat the thieves without busting myself?

It was the worst moment, doctor. I dived out of bed to hear the car disappearing into the night. Yet I had an alarm fitted only two months ago. What more could I do to protect my next car from disappearing?

Take it to bed with you? Perhaps not, I Take it to bed will you have though the know what you mean. Even though the figures show car theft is diminishing, large numbers of owners still suffer the ignominy and financial pain of theft or break-ins.

Sympathy is no good. What am I to do? This is not a fancy modern car, you know, with all the bits and bobs on, and I am on a budget. I can't go out spending hundreds of pounds on security equipment.

You and millions like you. The thing is to You and millions like you. The trung is to determine how vulnerable you are. Thieves increasingly like picking old cars because they are easy to break into. So if you have a second-hand motor, try to make your deterrents as obvious as possible.

Like putting a sign on the bonnet saying: "Don't steal me or else"? Get a grip, doctor: give me some proper advice.

Ooh, your blood pressure is on the way up. Calm down. Look, think about investing in something visible, such as a steering or handbrake lock. And an immobiliser will at least guarantee that the car is not going to move, even if it is broken into.

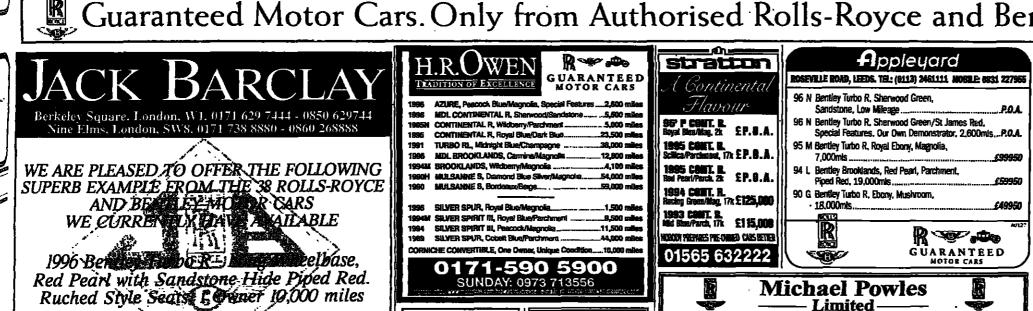
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So it means spending money again, does it? That's all you doctors think about, spending money. I don't suppose there's a simpler way of beating crime.

Could be. Such as these tips: always park A where there is light and there are people passing, never in dark corners. Never leave valuables - briefcases, telephones - on seats where they are tempting targets. Make sure the car is locked all round if you have no central-locking system and never leave the keys in the vehicle, not even when you stop for petrol. That is just an invitation for trouble. And always drive with the doors locked. Apart from that little lot, enjoy your happy motoring.

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Peregrine Cleveland-Peck discovers why the woman featured in Rover's new campaign loves her Saab

The model advert for driving

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n spite of being confined to a wheelchair, top model Shannon Murray loves driving. Shannon was on course for a big career five years ago when she broke her neck in a diving accident. But she has refused to allow that to prevent her rise to the top of the modelling industry, so much so that she was selected to feature in the advertisements for the new Rover Metro Kensington. Shannon, who is 20, has now decided on a career change and is taking the first year of a law degree. Eventually she wants to use her knowledge of the law to work in the film

How did you first learn to drive?

I was 16 (when you are registered disabled you can take your test a year beforehand — it is one of the few advantages). I was amazed at how relaxed I felt behind the wheel. I think it must be something to do with the sense of freedom and equality that a disabled person can find when driving: that was proba-bly why I passed first time.

What was your first car?

A new black Volkswagen Golf GL, which I got in January 1992. I adored it. When I bought a new car recently, saying goodbye to my Golf was like witnessing the end of an era - my teenage years.

What car do you drive now and

A Saab 900S. When I was choosing my new car I wanted it to look sleek, stylish and quite sporty. I also wanted it to be powerful but safe - particularly as I have to use the motorway a lot to drive to photo shoots. It also happens to be one of the few cars that can fit an entire wheelchair into the boot. I have had had some modifications done; to the right of the steering wheel there is a lever which acts as an accelerator and brake. I also have a knob on the steering wheel which allows me to steer with one hand.

Do you enjoy driving?

Most definitely yes. I love it. It Flirting.



Shannon Murray with her specially adapted Saab: "I wanted a car that looked sleek, stylish and sporty, and was powerful and safe"

provides me with me complete independence and a sense of freedom. If I am ever feeling bored or low I just get in the car, turn on the CD player and drive.

What is your dream car?

An Aston Martin DB7 convertible with a leather interior.

What is your most hated car?

Minicabs — especially the ones you sit in wondering if they are actually roadworthy.

What is your worst habit in the

What infuriates you most about other drivers?

Apart from Sunday drivers, young men who attempt to personalise their cars. You know the ones: black windows, alloy wheels, stickers and ultraviolet lighting under the car's body - yuck.

What is the most unusual thing you have done in your car?

Well it was not in my car, but in a car I was modelling for recently, the new Rover Metro. I had to sit in the front seat with the windows open (in the middle of freezing December), smiling. I was told not to breathe to prevent the steam coming out of my mouth. I then

had to drive around with a TV crew in the car while glancing at the camera, talking to the interviewer and ensuring that the cameraman did not fall out of the back window.

Have you ever had any points on

What do you listen to on your stereo while driving?

On a Saturday afternoon I listen to the football on Capital Gold; the rest of the time it depends on my mood, my journey and the company I have in the car. It varies from Chopin to Ella Fitzgerald to a Ministry of Sound compact disc.

If you were the Secretary of State for Transport, what is the first thing you would do?

Two things: I would pass a parlia-mentary Bill to ensure that all public transport was made wheel-chair-accessible, and create a separate disabled orange-badge scheme with parking advantages just for the wheelchair-bound.

What is your favourite car advertisement?

The Peugeot advertisment where a woman, who we later find out to be the male character's wife, meets him in an underground car park and exclaims: "Nice car ... want to show me what it can do?"

Help for poor cars stuck out on the drive

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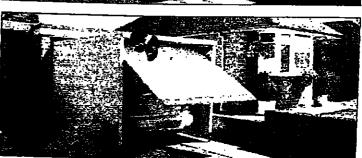
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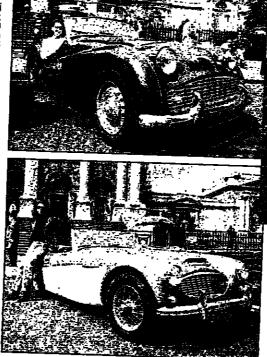
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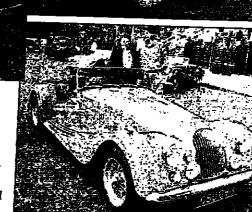
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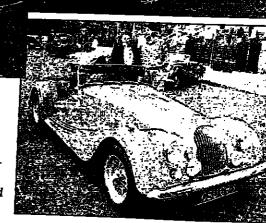
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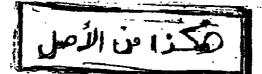
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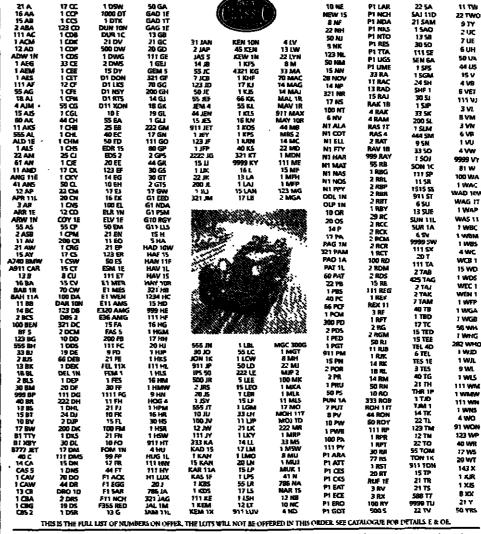
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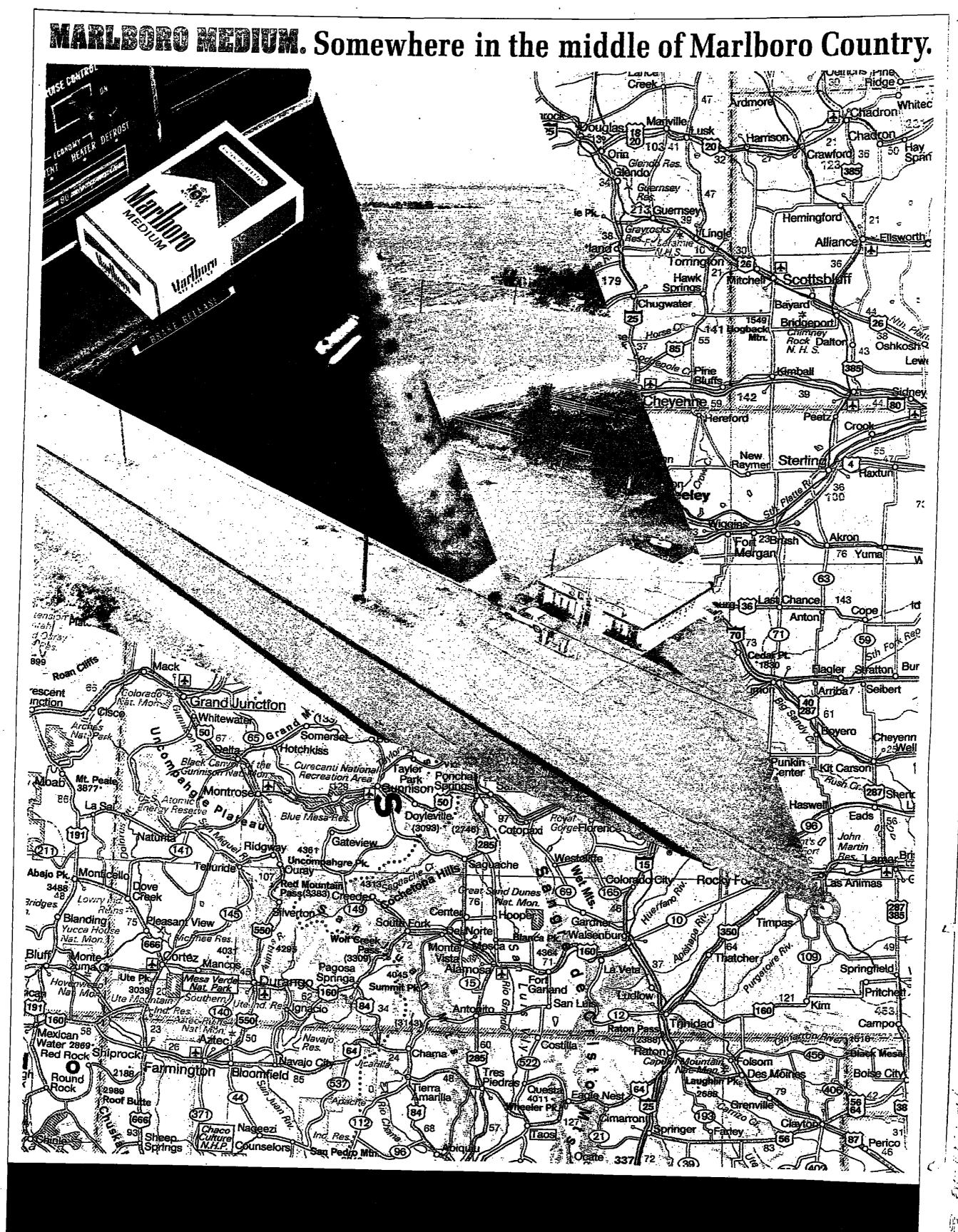
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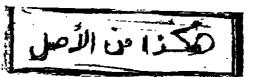
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should write poetry She throws up sorinvig-orating spray — Sinhn St John of Lydiard Treze, the poetess Delarivier lanley ruined by a bigams mar-riage when still a dd", or Buckingham dying "dissipation and disappoinent". Other spray issaltier. Sappho, we read, ccd have

been "the Lesbian Women's Poetry Co-operative." But Greer piles Pelion on Ossa, suggesting that when Sappho says sweat is a sign of love, she has been mistranslated (by men) and means not "sweat" but vaginal juices. Her second argument is that women poets have been,

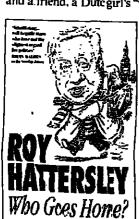
by their saccharine servility, their own enemies. She gives us Rochester's niece, a poet "who seduced and was se-duced by" him. But she cloaks her inability to answer why this should be so with such mumbo-jumbo as "the very use of the term female poet ... suggests a willed androgyny". She suggests that the answer won't come before the "death of print and dismantling of the literary establishment". That might mean never, but Greer has fired some mighty cannons on the way.

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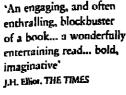
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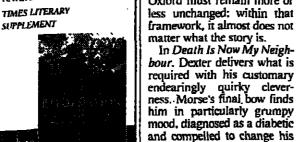
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THERE has been an explosion of popularity in all parts of the media for the works of Jane Austen recently. And now, it seems, it may even extend to books. There are new editions of David Cecil's excellent A Portrait of Jane Austen, as well as My Dear Cassandra, the delightful collection of letters from Austen to her sister. And, while the nation settles down to watch Emma adapted for screens both large and small, two sequels to the novel are being published, simultaneously.

Austen left her heroine marrying Mr Knightley in a simple ceremony, with their friends rejoicing in the "per-fect happiness of their union". Rachel Billington takes up her story after about 18 months, Emma Tennant leaves it for four years. But, for both, the inevitable results of "perfect" nuptial "happiness" is deep, marital boredom.

In Perfect Happiness, as in Emma in Love, Mr and Mrs Knightley are still childless. In both cases, it seems, because poor Knightley's deep passion has failed to find a release. Billington is the only one who takes her characters beyond the bedroom door, where she does find a "tenderness", but a lack of openness leads to misunderstandings about their friendships with Harriet

Smith and Mr Churchill. Tennant does not go beyond the Knightley's bedroom door, but, instead, finds an outlet with the arrival in Highbury of "two beautiful strangers". When Frank Churchill arrives with his dashing new brother-in-law, Captain Brocklehurst, she is up to her old matchmaking tricks again. And when an exotic French baroness comes to stay with the Eltons, she is bewitched.

in general, il is lennani's Emma who has most in common with the original:

LIFE is a bottle of champagne in a fridge which has nothing else left in it except a dried up heel of cheese. For a

lonely man sitting in an empty flat reviewing his life, it is as good a

metaphor as any — of pleasure spent, opportunities seized and lost, of

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madly, in combat with her husband and "marooned on an island of self-regard". Billington's heroine is a much milder character: still a snob, but generally redeemed of her other faults by marriage and by the shame of her brotherin-law's bankruptcy. Both novelists have allowed

themselves two new characters apiece but, otherwise, concentrate on the cast which Austen created. Both stories culminate in a typical set piece - one a ball, one a dinnerparty - and both, like the original, take place over less than a year. But each has a very different flavour.

But what is the point of these literary games of consequences -- mimicry or subjectivity? These are certainly two attempts at the former — "It is a well-attested truth . . ." (Billington): It is often to be observed ..." (Tennant) — but neither is satisfactory. Billington's pen is just not sharp enough; and though Tennant has the Austen voice and comic touch, she strays too far from the content.

Transvestism, lesbianism. and Miss Bates's exclaiming Bollocks!" in polite society it is really too unlike the borr life of our own dear Miss Woodhouse.



Jane's ladies: (from left) Kate Beckinsale as Emma, Olivia Williams as Jane Fairfax and Samantha Morton as Harriet Smith in ITV's television adaptation of Emma

Breaking cover

IF Sense and Sensibility were in one edition instead of five (three from Penguin, one each from Bloomsbury and Wordsworth). its average weekly sale of 850 would exceed that of most bestsellers, including King's Desperation.

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The chances are, however, that the CIA man leaves behind a bug in the flower pot and misses nothing. Even the best of friends in the intelligence community spy on each other, although Mark Urban provides evidence that Britain does not spy on the United States. He quotes a "senior MI6 officer" as saying: "We do not spy on America because the JIC (Joint Intelligence Committee) does not set us

A book that claims to be the inside story of British intelligence has a more authorised ring to it these days because Britain's three agencies - MI6, MI5, and, to a lesserextent. GCHQ, the Govern-ment's secret eavesdropping centre in Cheltenham - have come out of the shadows. Previously faceless and nameless intelligence chiefs have been named officially in Parliament, their budgets and raison d'etre are under greater scrutiny than ever before, and on one notable occasion for selected journalists, the heads of MJ6 and GCHQ appeared at a Foreign Office press conference — "but no pictures please" — to talk about the . Intelligence Services Bill (now

Act).
Urban has succeeded not only in providing a comprehensive insight into the changes that have affected all the intelligence services in the past five years but has also enlivened his book with some

MICHAEL EVANS

The last bubbles of youth

deep reflections on how, in a materialistic world, we come to terms with ourselves. with society, and with those we love and hurt. This is a wiser more mature McIlvanney than we have been used to, still demonstrably a Scottish writer, but here ranging far wider, not just geographically, but intellectually, moving with unpretentious ease from thoughts on

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Livy to skim-reading Nietzsche and grappling with Brecht. His descrip-tions of sex — experimental, failed, farcical or intense, are a delight. The novel is part-nostalgic - the

reflections of a middle-aged man on one summer in his youth, when he worked in a kiln, hesitated about earning a wage or going to university, and began to discover himself through his friends, his family, and above all through other women. But there is nothing self-indulgent about it. The theme it explores is whether the individual can fulfil his potential

only by selfish pursuit of his own ends (the selfish gene?) and whether, thereby, he damages others and, ultimately, himself.

The dilemma is never entirely resolved, and along the way there are human casualties. But opportunity is never entirely closed off. There is always the champagne in the fridge. This is a finely judged and beautfully written novel. McIlvanney's most mature and rounded work

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Cracked - the E in Morse

THIS, we are told, is the last novel to be graced by Chief Inspector Morse. To mark the occasion, the next-to-last word in the book is Morse's hitherto unrevealed first name (E . . .), unknown even to the everpatient, still unpromoted Ser-geant Lewis (though why he has not looked it up in the police files or the electoral roll remains a mystery).
The point about Morse —

more than any other character in crime fiction, including Sherlock Holmes and Hercule Poirot, with only Perry Mason coming near - is that it has become impossible not to think of him in terms of his television personality. Many millions of people who have never read Colin Dexter have seen John Thaw; and of those who have read the books, almost all have also watched the telly. Expectation from the novels cannot be divorced from the televisual images

they create. You do not read Morse books for deep characterisation or incisive psychological insight. What you demand and always get — is the certainty and security of sameness, plus a decent old-fashioned puzzle. Morse/Thaw, Lewis/Whatley and the City of Oxford must remain more or less unchanged: within that

matter what the story is. In Death Is Now My Neighbour. Dexter delivers what is required with his customary endearingly quirky clever-ness. Morse's final bow finds him in particularly grumpy mood, diagnosed as a diabetic and compelled to change his beloved drinking habits. The



John Thaw as E. Morse

■ DEATH IS NOW MY NEIGHBOUR By Colin Dexter, Macmillan, £15.99 ISBN 0 333 67570 3

rating illicit sex, blackmail, pornography, secret pasts and, crucially, the murky politics of an Oxford college. The first victim — perhaps shot mistakenly — is the young mistress of one of the candidates for the post of Master of Lonsdale; her neighbour, a renowned local journalist, and a woman Tory party activist a iew doors down behave strangely. The stumbling police inquiries run parallel to the Mastership elections, each bouncing off the other. The solution is not entirely surprising, but that is slightly beside

the point. What is important is that Morse continues to be his tetchy, untidy, music and beer-loving self, dispersing his intellectual and literary superiority to all within earshot, mainly Lewis, and still slightly pining for his lost love though open to alternative offers. Perhaps, this being his final fling, Dexter plays with his readers a little more self-indulgently than is usual, but who can blame him? He has created a giant among fictional detecfives and has never shortchanged his readers.

History's lessons are no joke

generate such evil that it is hard to imagine the world as it might have been if they had never been born. What if Hitler's father had been sterile? How might the shape of history have changed? Ste-phen Fry's new novel, Making History. asks whether the Holocaust could have happened if Hitler had not come to lead Nazi Germany.

Making History is narrated by a young historian completing a thesis on Adolf Hitler's family and childhood for his PhD at Cambridge. Michael Young is a self-deprecating charmer, nicknamed "Puppy". but he is very much more skilled in getting what he wants than he appears to be. He gets himself mothered by his scientist girlfriend Jane, a strict parent who puts up with Michael's jokey emotional ineptitude.

He believes he knows all about cause and effect, until his certainties are shaken by contact with Dr Leo Zuckermann, who has built a primitive computerised timemachine which maps the past by means of a technique which Zuckermann calls "temporal imaging". Zuckermann shows Michael a screen covered in swirling coloured patterns. and then tells him that this is a temporal image of Auschwitz on October 9, 1942. One of the moving shapes is Zuckermann's own father. The roots

of Zuckermann's obsession with altering the course of history begin to show. Fry's plot, complex as it is. moves forward with considerable brio. He mocks the mildly unhearable behaviour of Cambridge students, with

CERTAIN historical figures MAKING HISTORY By Stephen Fry Hutchinson, £15.99

ISBN 0 09 179141 3

looks and money and books and money and money". Fry is relaxed and funny when writing of this milieu, and of Michael's hopeless struggle to become an academic with street cred. It is when the fiction moves into darker territory that he loses his touch. There is a growing, uneasy-disparity between subject matter and style as the novel

progresses.

The argument of this novel is that even if history can be altered, the alternative history that is created may be nearly as malign as the original. The malignity may be a new and unexpected one. Wiping away Hitler is no guarantee that innocence will be restored, or even that Germany will never succumb to Nazism.

At this point the light, engaging style of Making History begins to tell against it. The comic appeal of Michael Young becomes increasingly out of scale with his power to intervene in the lives of millions, and the terrible weight of what actually occurred during the Holocaust tears a whole through Fry's fictional canvas.

HELEN DUNMORE

NIGHT AT THE OPERA? VISITING A GALLERY? **GOING OUT**

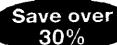
William the Bastard...



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GOING OUT

CHILDREN

LONDON Chinese Autumn Festival Families are invited to celebrate the autumn harvest in this moon-worshipping festival. Featuring talks and demonstrations, music and drama and practical workshops. Victoria and Albert Museum. Cromwell Road, SW7 (0171-938 8638). Starts today, tomorrow,

No 7 Dandelion Street The story of Major Mustard and the wacky residents living in the terraced cottage. For three to seven-year-olds. Little Angel Marionette Theatre.

times vary; phone for details.

Dagmar Passage, Cross Street, N1 (0171-226 1787). Today. tomorrow, Ham; £5, cones

Ian Saville's Magic Show A magic concection of ventriloquism and illusion. For ages four and over Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311). Today, Ilam and Ipm:

Magic Lantern Slides Series of creative workshops for three-year-olds and above. Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, E2 (0181-983 5200). Today, 11am-12.45pm and 2-3.45pm; free.

■ REGIONAL BALLYMONEY, Co Antrim **Teddy Exhibition** The last day to uncover the

history of the lovable bear. Heritage Centre. Charlotte Street (012656) 62280). Today, 10am-12.30pm and 2-4pm; free.



London: children can brush up on their drawing skills at this weekend's Chinese Autumn Festival

CLIFDEN, Co Galway Clifden Community Arts Week Featuring poetry, songs and storytelling. Various Venues, (00 353 95 21162). Today, tomorrow, phone for details; mostly free.

ELVASTON, Derbyshire Doll Fair Toys galore in this fair with collectors, artists and craftspeople supplying the merchandise. Elvaston Castle, (01480 216372). Tomorrow,

10.30am-4.30pm; £2.20, cones £1.10, child free. KNOCKCROGHERY,

Co Roscommon

Knockeroghery Fair and **Festival** Mixed bag of events for children, including puppet show, football and sheep fair. Various venues, (00 353 903 61110). Today,

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE Science Factory
Educational science centre

tomorrow, times vary.

London: singer-songwriter Luka Bloom at the Jazz Café

Brighton-based folk-rock

370999). Tomorrow, 7.30pm;

DONCASTER

festival favourites.

Bawtry Road (01302

Levellers

The Dome.

Blue Nile

admission EIO.

Peace at Last.

Opera House,

SHEFFIELD

pop band. Leadmill.

cones £6.

MANCHESTER

Acclaimed ambient pop

Quay Street (0161-242

2503). Tomorrow, 7.30pm;

Super Furry Animals Welsh psychedelic indie-

Leadmill Road (01)4-275

CRITIC'S CHOICE

THE BLUETONES

4500). Tonight, 9.30pm; £7,

Touring America may have

done for Oasis, but the

Bluetones are made of sterner stuff. With a romping new single. Marblehead Johnson,

poised to enter the chart

tomorrow, the band returns to

start an autumn tour which

should confirm their status as

heirs apparent to the Britpop

crown. With their refreshing

mixture of guitar-based tunes

rooted in the best traditions of

English alternative pop, the quartet from Hounslow will

be much in evidence in the

coming weeks, though tickets

DAVID SINCLAIR

may be harder to find.

Southend-on-Sea (01702

Westcliff Pavilion,

Gayle. Upside Down.

Wroughton Airfield.

(01793 525588). Today, 1lam-11pm; £17.50.

SWINDON

RAW 96

band touring a new album,

with games for children. Discovery Museum, Blandford Square (0191-232 6789). Today, 10am-5pm; free.

TENTERDEN, Kent Friends of Thomas the Tank Engine Meet the Fat Controller and Mrs Kyndley and take a ride behind "Duck" or a "Really Useful Steam Engines". Kent and East Sussex Railway.

(01580 765155). Today, tomorrow, phone for details; £7.50-£9, child £4-£5.50.

FAIRS

■ LONDON Adams Antiques Fair Wide range of glass, silver, jewellery, porcelain, furniture and decorative items on offer-Kensington Town Hall. Hornton Street, W8 (0171-937 5464). Tomorrow, 10am-4.30pm: £1.50, child free.

Chelsea Antiques Fair British exhibitors offering high quality collectables. Chelsea Old Town Hall. King's Road, SW3 (0171-352 3619). Today, llam-6pm: £5, child free.

Collectors Film Convention Massive film fair with more than 100 stalls offering movie memorabilia. Westminster Central Hall. Storeys Gate, SW1 (0171-222 4163/8010), Today, 10am-5pm; £1-52.50.

National Astronomy Week Series of lectures and other activities for the 150th anniversary of the discovery of Neptune, including great astronomers reminiscing about their work. National Maritime Museum. Romney Road, SEI0 (0181-858) 4422). Starts today, tomorrow, phone for details; £5.50, cones £4.50, child £3, family £16.

■ REGIONAL DUBLIN

Antiques and Collectables

Wide display of silver, glass, porcelain, prints. paintings and more on offer. Newman House. St Stephen's Green (00 3531 670 8295). Tomorrow, Ilam-opm; £1, accompanied children

Head.

and Keith Collins.

£4.50, cones £3.50.

Jongleurs Camden

Jongleurs Comedy

Camden Lock,

concs ...

Club

Sean Meo, Phil Davey,

Bailey: Tim Clark MCs.

Chalk Farm Road, NWI

(0171-924 2766). Tonight,

7.15pm and 11.15pm; £10,

Red Plimsoll Comedy

Timandra MCs for Kevin

Precious, Earl Okin, Paul

(0171-288 1633). Tonight, 9pm;

Screaming Blue Murder

Miles Crawford, Ian Stone

Beckenham (0181-663 0103).

COMICS FOR ASYLUM

Ben "Popcorn" Elton, the

comic who is currently caus-

ing a stir by taking a serious

view of screen violence, heads

this benefit evening on Sun-

day. It is in support of Asylum

Aid, an organisation which provides independent advice for refugees and those seeking

asylum in Britain. The hilari-

ously dry Jeremy Hardy is

also lined up, joined by Mark Steel, Mark Thomas and less-

er names. Leon Rosselson

sings. Uzma Hameed com-

peres. The historic, pretty

Hackney Empire is worth a

291 Mare Street, E8 (0181-

985 2424). Tomorrow, 8pm

Comedy Box BBC Stand Up Comedy

Award-winner Marcus

and Brendon Burns.

CAMBRIDGE

Victoria Wood

Corn Exchange.

DERBY

Bob Dowoc

dance routine.

OXFORD

Anyway?

Rose Theatre,

Assembly Rooms,

Market Place (01332

Wheeler Street (01223

phone for availability.

35785i). Tonight, 7.30pm;

Hair-lacquered crooner in

nylon with a new song and

255800). Tomorrow, 8pm:

Greg Proops The resident American

from Whose Line Is It

Rose Place, St Aldates

(01865 798600), Tomorrow.

7.30pm; phone for prices.

Brigstocke, plus Rex Boyd

The Bristol Flyer, Gloucester Road (0117-942

1779). Tonight. 8.45pm; £5.

Cheadle Hulme's favourite

KATE BASSETT

visit in itself.

Hackney Empire,

REGIONAL

BRISTOL

Tonkinson. Gina Ryan.

The Plimsoll Arms.

and Jo Enright.

Beckenham Road.

Tonight, 9pm; £5.50,

CRITIC'S CHOICE

The Studio,

St Thomas's Road, N4

Vladimir McTavish and Bill

Downstairs at the King's

Crouch End Hill, N8 (0181-

340 1028). Tomorrow, 8.30pm;



GLASGOW Glasgow International Festival of Design Key designs to the industry on show.

Various venues. Today, tomorrow, times vary; phone 0141-204 4411 for details.

MAIDSTONE, Kent Leeds Castle Flower Festival See the colourful flower displays, themed around classical music.

Leeds Cast (01622 7654). Ends today. Ham-6pm: cones £6.30. child £5.20

SOUTHAPTON Southampi International **Boat Show** Last weeke to see the onwater boat pw. Western Esanade, (01784 4733, Today, ends

tomorrow, am-7pm: £7.50.

child free.

POP

■ LONDON Luka Bloom Irish singer-songwriter. brother of Christy Moore. Ja∷ Café, Parkway, NWI (0171-344 0044). Tomorrow. 7pm: E12.

Blue Rodeo Atmospheric Canadian roots-rock combo. Borderline. Manette Street, Churing Cross Road, WI (0171-734 2095). Tonight. 8pm. tomorrow, 7pm; £8.

Phil Guy Chicago blues from Buddy Guy's little brother. 100 Club, Oxford Street, WI (0171-636 0933). Tomorrow, 7.30pm;

Scud Mountain Boys Alternative country-rock group from Minnesota. Rough Trade Shop, Talbot Road, WII (0171-792 3490). Tonight, 6pm; free.

■ REGIONAL BLACKWOOD, Gwent Mike Peters Solo sets from the leader of Welsh epic rockers the Alarm. Miners Institute, (01495 227206). Tomorrow, 8pm; £6.

BOURNEMOUTH Johnny Mathis American balladeer sings his new collection of love Bournemouth International Centre, Exeter Road (01202 297297). Tonight, 7pm: £22.50-

£27.50.

BRENTWOOD

Brentwood International Blues Festival Brett Marvin and the Thunderbolts, Gregg Wright's Left Hook. Robbie McIntosh and Ben Waters. Will Killeen, Motel Kings (today): the Hamsters, Tony TS McPhee, Denny Newman's Blues Ltd, Deep, Dave Kelly (tomorrow). Hermit Club. Shenfield Road (01277 218897). Today. 2pm, tomorrow, midday: E18.50, day tickets £10.

BRISTOL Mike Peters, Sid Griffin See Blackwood. The Fleece, St Thomas Street (0117-927 7150). Tonight, 7_30pm; £6.

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works by Rachmaninov and Shostakovich Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank Centre, SEI 7.45pm; £6.50-£12.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

The chance to hear Sir Edward Elgar's three great oratorios in one weekend comes rarely. The Dream of Gerontius was performed last night at the Barbican, but still come are The Apostles (tonight, 7.30pm) and The Kingdom (tomorrow, 4pm). For many years these epic choral works — dealing with the central Christian beliefs about life and the afterlife were considered to be interesting but not quite vintage Elgar, now opinions are changing. Richard Hickox. who was born to conduct this sort of music, directs the Bournemouth Symphony Or-

chestra and Chorus.
RICHARD MORRISON

Edith Wiens/Oliver Widmer

935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm;

■ REGIONAL BRADFORD English Northern

Rachmaninov's Symphonic Dances. St George's Hall. Bridge Street (01274 752000). Tonight, 7.30pm; £8-£15.50.

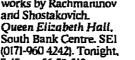
Liszt's Mephisto Waltz, Fifth Symphony. Stevenson Hall, £10, cones £6.

351135). Tomorrow, 8pm; £8.50. LEWES Norrington Corduroy, the Brotherhood, 9 Below Zero, Cecilia Bartoli sings Peter Andre, C & C Music Factory, MN8, Michelle House, 5pm; £100-£300.

CLASSICAL

E LONDON Alla Dyeva/Konstantin Ardakov Collection of works by Glinka, Mussorgsky. Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninov. Purcell Room, South Bank Centre, SEI (0171-960 4242). Tomorrow, 3.15pm; £5-£8.50.

Connexions A Russian flavour to the evening, featuring chamber



ELGAR IN BULK

Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (0171-638 8891).

Featuring 27 lieder settings of Morike by Hugo Wolf. Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, WI (0171-

Mobius Chamber music by Ravel, Bach, Schubert, Weber. St John's, Smith Square, SWI (0171-222 1061). Tonight, 7.30pm;

Philharmonia/Lloyd-Jones

GLASGOW BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra/Brabbins D'Albert's Second Piano Concerto, Tchaikovsky's Renfrew Street (0141-332) 5057). Tomorrow, 7.30pm;

London Philharmonic/ Mozart and Rossini arias. Glyndebourne Opera (01273 8138133). Tonight,

MANCHESTER BBC Philharmonic/ Tortelier Messiaen's Turangalila Symphony, Poulenc's Gloria. Bridgewater Hall, Lower Mosely Street (0161-907 9000). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; EIO, concs £7.

BBC National Orchestra of Wales/Otaki Sibelius's Second Symphony, plus Mozart's Symphony No I. Theatr Hafren, Llanidioes Road (01686 625007). Tomorrow, 7pm; £10,

NEWTOWN

OPERA

■ LONDON A Midsummer Night's Dream English National Opera

revives Robert Carsen's staging of Britten's opera. conducted by Steuart Bedford: Lillian Watson as Tytania. Peter Rose as Bottom. London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-632 8300). Tonight. 6.30pm; E6.50-E55.

REGIONAL

SHEFFIELD La Traviata Music Theatre London performs Verdi's classic tragedy. Crucible Theatre, Norfolk Street (0114-276 £8.50-£15.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

DAS RHEINGOLD The first of the Royal Opera's three Ring cycles is launched with the one-act Prologue, and there are surprises in Richard Jones's exhibaratingly fresh production from the start: rubbery Rhinemaidens promising more than their fair share of pneumatic bliss. The ace cast is led by John Tomlinson, Jane Henschel, Ekkehard Wlaschiha and Philip Langridge, and whatever happens on stage to mystify or tickle one's fantasy. Bernard Haitink is in the pit to maintain Wagnerian musical standards unsurpassable anywhere in the world today. RODNEY MILNES

Roval Opera House. Bow Street, London WC2 (0171-304 4000). Today, 7.30pm; £7-£147.50.



London: A Midsummer Night's Dream, Coliseum

COMEDY **■ LONDON**

Comics for Asylum Fast-talking Ben Elton, Mark Thomas, Uzma Hameed, Jeremy Hardy, Mark Steel and guests. Hackney Empire. Mare Street, ES (0181-985 2424). Tomorrow, Spm; £10, cones £8.

Cosmic Comedy Club George Egg, Dave Thompson, Sean Meo, Jo Caulfield. Jeff Innocent. Astro Bar and Cosmic Comedy Club, Fulham Palace Road, Wo (0171-381 2006). Tonight, \$.30pm; £8.

Downstairs at the King's Huw Thomas MCs for

Adam Bloom, Anthony FILMS King, Jack Russell, Joey Lee

Films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

■ NEW RELEASES

Antonia's Line (15) A Dutch woman's feisty life. Feel-good movie from Marleen Gorris; this year's winner of the Best Foreign Film Oscar. Curson Mayfair (0171-369 1720) Gate (0171-727 4043) Ritzy (0171-737 2121) Virgin Chelsea (0171-352 5096)

• Escape from LA (15) Blowsy action movie from John Carpenter, set in a lawless Los Angeles of 2013. With Kurt Russell. Empire (0800-888 911) LICI Whiteleys ((0990) 888990) Virgins: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) Trocadero (5) (0171-434 0031)

The Great White Hype (15) Flat-footed sports satire. with Samuel L. Jackson as a flamboyant boxing impresario. Director. Reginald Hudlin. Odeon West End (0)426-915 574) Ritzy (0171-737 2121)

Guantanamera (15) Lethargic Cuban satire with a few bright trimmings. Directors, Tomás Gutièrrez Alea and Juan Metro (0171-437 0757)

The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls in Gauche but sweet tale of teenage lesbians, written and directed by Maria Maggenti. With Laurel Holloman, Nicole Parker. ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) Metro (0171-437 0757) Virgin Fulham Road (0171-370 2636)

◆ Striptease (15) Demi Moore's stripper seeks custody of her daughter. Clumsy mixture of sex, satire and melodrama, with Burt Reynolds. Director, Andrew Bergman. ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (01426-914 666) Swiss Cottage (0171-586 3057) West End (01426 915574) UCI Whiteleys (017]-792 3332) Virgin Chelsea (017)-352

■ CURRENT

◆ Emma (U) Gwyneth Paltrow shines in a Jane Austen adaptation that leans too much towards the pretty-pretty. With Jeremy Northam. Director, Douglas McGrath. Barbican (0171-638 8891) Chelsea (0171-351 3742) Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) Minema (017)-235 4225) Odeons: Haymarket (01426 915353) Kensington (01426 914666) Renoir (0171-837 8402) Ritzy (0171-737 2121) Screen on Baker Street (017)-935 2772) Screen on the Hill (1017)-435 3366) UCI Whiteleys (0990 888990) Warner (0990 888990) (0171-437 4343)

 James and the Giant Peach (U) Mistreated James finds his

feet in peach voyaging acroshe Atlantic. Excellent animed version of Roald Dahlbook, from the team behir The Nightmare BeforChristmas. Director, HenrSelick. Odeds: Kensington (0142914666) Swiss Cottage 10142914098) Rio (0171-254 (17) UCI Whitelevs (017)-792 \$2) Virgin Chelsea (017) 52 5096) Warner 🔕 (0171137 4343)



Femi Moore and daughter Rumer star in Striptease

◆ Mulhdland Falls (15) Handsome but muted myster/thriller set in 1950s Los Argeles With Nick Nolte Johr Malkovich. Melanie Criffith, Chazz Palaintai and Michael Made Director Lee

Maderia Tamalori.

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◆ Sting Beauty (パラ) Lighted enjoyable Berteci film about arel Amean teenager's sexullowering in Tuscany, With Tyler, Jeremy Ironsinead Cusack and Racf Weisz. Lunte (0171-836 0691) Ode Kensington (01426 Stri(0171-935 2772) Virgin

CRIC'S CHOICE

Ch∉a (0171-352 5096).

A THE TO KILL (15) A dubustible film version of Jof Grisham's first novel. The story alone is fiery enigh (white lawyer defends blk man for murdering the rejecks who raped his ying daughter). Then directed oel Schumacher fans the fines by inflating scenes bond safety limits. Powerscenes with Samuel Dackson, the avenging ther, and Matthew cConaughey's inexperinced attorney; but Sandra ullock seems to have drifted n from another film entirely.

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GEOFF BROWN ABC Tottenham Court

GOING OUT

THEATRE

Faust Parts I and 2 Michael Bogdanov's mighty two-part production of Goethe's drama, with Michael Feast and Hugh Quarshie. Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Today: Part I, 2.30pm; Part 2, 7.15pm.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

THE OEDIPUS PLAYS A great king becomes the scapegoat for a city and, after years spent blindly stumbling through the countryside, ends up as another city's semi-divine protec-tor. With the help of masks. music, stunning visual effects and somewhat stylised acting, Peter Hall's pacey yet sombre revival of Oedipus Rer and the less familiar Oedipus at Colonus reminds us that Sophocles's plays had their ritual aspects; yet we are never in doubt that the real subject is the meaning of a man's suffering.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE Olivier, National, South Bank (0171-928 2252) Tonight, 7pm. At 5.30pm, Peter Stothard, Editor of The Times, in conversation with Sir Peter Hall in the Olivier.

The Seven Streams of the River Ota

Robert Lepage's company, Ex Machina, brings his fable of life and death in Hiroshima since 1945. Complete show lasts seven and a half hours (inc interval). National (Lyttelton). South Bank, SEI (0171-928 2252). Opens today, 2.45pm. Complete show, today and tomorrow, 2.45pm.

Unde Vanya Bill Bryden's starry Chichester cast of Frances Barber, Constance

Cummings, Trevor Eve. Derek Jacobi, Peggy Mount, with Richard Johnson in place of Alec McCowen. St Martin's Lane, WC2 (017)-

369 1730). Tonight, 7.30pm; mat, 3pm.

■ REGIONAL

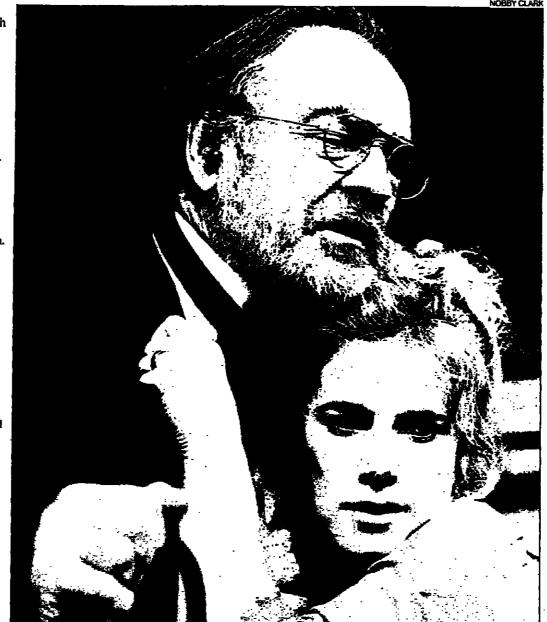
BIRMINGHAM The Alchemist A co-production with the National Theatre. Bill Alexander sets Ben Jonson's drama in a post-apocalyptic future. With Simon Callow, Josie Lawrence and Tim Pigott-Smith. Repertory.

Centenary Square (0121-236) 4455). Tonight, 7.30pm; mat, 3pm.

MALVERN Of Mice and Men Geoff Bullen directs Steinbeck's powerful stage adaptation of his Depressionera drama. With Clive Mantle and Lou Hirsch. Festival Theatre. Grange Road (01684 892277). Tonight, 8pm: mat, 2.30pm.

MOLD Sīlas Marner George Eliot's absorbing novel of injustice, miserliness and redemption, performed by a cast of actor-musicians with a score by Peter Knight. Directed by Tim Baker. Theatr Clwyd. (01352 755114). Tonight, 7.45pm.

SPALDING The Comedy of Errors Tim Supple's outstanding production from Stratford. More serious and thus more moving than usual. Castle Sports Complex, Albion Street (01775 725031). Last performance tonight, 7.30pm.



London: Richard Johnson as Serebryakov and Imogen Stubbs as Yelena in Uncle Vanya

(0171-960 4242).

■ REGIONAL

Northern Ballet Theatre:

Spine-chilling production

classic, choreographed by

Micheal Barrett-Pink and

starring Denis Malinkine as

752000). Today, 2.30pm and

Christopher Gable and

the enigmatic Count.

Alhambra Theatre,

Morley Street (0)274

7.30pm; £6-£22.

Wendy Houstoun:

Last year's Dance

Haunted and Daunted

preceded by a new solo

by John Avery's music.

Narrow Quay (0117-929 9191). Tonight, 8pm; £7.

Umbrella success, Haunted.

work. Daunted, accompanied

BRISTOL

Arnolfini,

adapted from Bram Stoker's

BRADFORD

Dracula

COMING SOON

■ LONDON From Oct 10

Mojo Jez Butterworth's Olivier Award-winning comedy opens the Royal Court's new residency in the West End at the Duke of York's Theatre. Box office: 0171-730 1745.

From Nov 21 The Cherry Orchard The Royal Shakespeare Company's production of Chekhov's play, with Penelope Wilton and Alec McCowen among the cast, transfers to the West End. Prior to its London run. it will return for a short season to the Swan Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon from Oct 9-Nov 9. Box office: 0171-369 1730 (London): 01789 295623 (Stratford).

From Dec 9 Guys and Dolls The National Theatre is reviving the extremely popular and memorable 1992

production by Richard Eyre of Frank Loesser's quintessential Broadway musical. The cast is led by Henry Goodman, Imelda Staunton. Clarke Peters and Joanna Riding, Box office: 0171-928 2252.

REGIONAL

LEEDS Nov I-Dec 7 A Perfect Ganesh Prunella Scales and Eleanor Bron lead the cast in the British premiere of Terrence McNally's off-Broadway play at the West Yorkshire Playhouse. Box office: 0113 2442111.



On tour: Celine Dion goes nationwide in November

MOLD The House of Bernarda

Di Trevis directs a cast that includes Ellie Haddington and Gillian Hanna in Lorca's masterpiece of mourning and marriage in 1930s Spain. Theatr Clwyd. Box office: 01352 755114.

TOURING November Celine Dion

Canadian chart-topper appearing at Cardiff International Arena (Nov 11, 01222 230130), Sheffield Arena (Nov 13, 0114-256 5656) Manchester Arena (Nov 14, 0161-930 8000), Wembley Arena, London (Nov 16-17, 28-29: 0181-900 1234). SECC, Glasgow (Nov 19-20, 0141-248 9999) and NEC. Birmingham (Nov 22-23, 0121-780 4133).

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JAZZ

Mervyn Africa with the Eclectic String Quartet Abdullah Ibrahim-styled South African pianist links up with Gaby Farrell's arty New York quartet. Purcell Room, South Bank Centre, SEI (0171-960 4242). Tonight, 8pm; £10.

Tom Browne Jazz-funk trumpeter, best known for his dance floor classic Funkin' for Jamaica. Jazz Café. Parkway, NWI (0171-34 0044). Tonight. 7pm; £12.

Elvin Jones Jazz Machine John Coltrane's legendary 1960s drummer features John's son, Ravi Coltrane, on drums and Delfayo Marsalis on trombone, with singer lan Shaw. Ronnie Scott's Frith Street, WI (0171-439 0747). Tonight, 9pm; £12.

George Melly and John Chilton's Feetwarmers Satchmo-styled swing singer features trumpeter Humphrey Lyttelton. Daewoo Motor Show. West Five Centre, Western Avenue, Ealing, W5 (0171-344 4114). Tonight. 6.30pm; £9.50.

Annie Ross Popular Anglo-American singer who reached fame with 1950s vocal trio Lambert Hendricks and Ross. Café Royal. Regent Street, WI (0171-437 409ດ). Tonight, tomorrow.



London: Tom Browne, the jazz-funk trumpeter

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BERKHAMSTEAD Art Themen/Don Weller/Alan Barnes Sextet Three top British iazz saxophonists are joined by pianist Dave Newton, bassist Andy Cleyndert and drummer Dave Barry. Berkhamstead Jazz Society, Civic Centre, (01525 220894). Tonight, 8pm; £7, mems £5.

BIRMINGHAM Tommy Smith's Beasts of Scotland Atmospheric tenorist plays settings of Scottish poetry. featuring histrionic trumpeter Guy Barker, multireedist Andy Panayi. The Custard Factory,

BURTON UPON TRENT Humphrey Lyttelton Band

Gibbs Street (0121-604

7777). Tonight, 8pm: £7.

Witty broadcaster, trad and swing trumpeter. Burton Brewhouse,

Union Street (01283 567720). Tonight, 8pm; £12.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

SPIRIT OF DJANGO The ghost of the greatest of all jazz guitarists, Django Reinhardt, is invoked in Martin Taylor's group. Spirit of Diango. By no means a slavish copy of Reinhardt's Hot Club band, Taylor's lineup also draws on the talents of saxophonist Dave O'Higgins. Cuve Davis

Ronnie Scotts. Broad Street, Birmingham (0121-643 4525). Tonight, 9pm.

Nikki Yeoh's Infinitum Funky London pianist.
The Yardbird Suite Jazz Club. The Underground, T & C Club, Cookridge Street (0113-

8.30pm; £6, mems £5. LEICESTER Martin Taylor's Spirit of See Birmingham. Phoenix Arts,

230 2669). Tonight,

Newarke Street (0116-255 4854). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; £7.50. concs £5. MANCHESTER Andy Sheppard/Joanna MacGregor with

In-Commotion, RNCM **Big Band** Worldbeat-edged saxophonist plays with his fusion quintet In-Commotion and the Royal Northern College of Music Big Band, featuring pianist Joanna MacGregor and trombonist Gary Valente. Bridgewater Hall, Lower Mosely Street (0161-907 9000). Tonight, 9pm; E10.

DANCE

CRITICS CHOICE

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET: SWAN LAKE This production by Peter Wright and Galina Samsova is one of the finest, respectful of the Tchaikovsky score and featuring lovely designs by Philip Prowse. Birmingham Royal Ballet fields two Odettes today: Monica Zamora at the matinée, Jennifer Muller tonight.

DEBRA CRAINE Hurst Street (0121-622 7486). Today 2.30pm and

LONDON Adventures in Motion Pictures: Swan Lake Tchaikovsky's ballet in the award-winning interpretation by Matthew Bourne featuring the acclaimed allmale corps of swans. Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street, WI (0171-369 1734). Today, 2.30pm (Kemp/Wright/Mortimer);

tonight, 7_30pm (Cooper/

Ambler/Chadwick), £9.50-

£30, standby concs available.

European Ballet: Carmen Stanislav Tchassov choreographs the classic tale of love and passion running riot in Seville. Hayes Beck Theatre. Grange Road, Hayes (0181-561 8371). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; £9.50-£10.50.

Jaleo: Flamenco Celebrated flamenco company performs a new fiery programme of song and dance. Queen Elizabeth Hall. South Bank Centre, SEI

Bradford: Dracula by Northern Ballet Theatre

DUBLIN Lord of the Dance Michael Flatley of Riverdance fame stages a Celtic dance spectacular. The Point. East Link Bridge (00 353) 836 3633). Today 2.30pm and 8pm; £21.50-£27.50.

HALIFAX Dublin Worldwide Dance Productions: Spirit of the Dance

extravaganza featuring lilting harp music and Gospel New Orleans style, to platform the work of Irish, Russian and American companies. Victòria Theatre, Wards End (01422 351158). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; £12.50-

NORTHAMPTON Georgian State Dance Company Vibrant dance company recreating Georgian life throughout history. Guildhall Road (01604

24811). Tomorrow, 5pm and

8pm; £12-£16.50.

WORTHING Cwmni Ballet Gwent: Red Riding Hood and the Legend of Wolves Elements from the Grimm Brothers' tale combine with the adult film version, The Company of Wolves. Choreographed by Darius James, with music by Felix Mendelssohn.

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GALLERIES Tomorrow, 7.45pm; £9-£13.50. ■ LONDON

Blumenfeld: A Fetish for Fashion and portrait photographer's work. Barbican Art Gallery, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 4141). Today, 10am-6.45pm, tomorrow, midday-6.45pm; £4.50.

CRITIC'S CHOICE MYSTERIES OF ANCIENT

The emphasis on mystery is

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well justified. The later dynasties are well documented intensive archaeological work of the past 25 years, is still little known and only very hazily understood. Often the great sources of evidence have been stumbled upon by chance, such as the field of the terracotta warriors in Xian or the two large pits full of bronze statues, jewels, jades and the bones of sacrificial animals in Guanghan, southwest China, which indicate an unknown civilisation more than 3,000 years ago. A number of pieces from this 1986 excavation are included and there are also such famous

of the Lady Fu Hao (1200 BC). JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WCI (0171-323 8783). Today. 10am-4.50pm. tomorrow 2.30-5.50pm; £5.

remains as the breathtaking

ade burial suit from the tomb

Tacita Dean: Foley Artist Former Slade School artist explores the use of sound in film for the Art Now space. Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (0171-887 8000). Today, I0am-5.50pm, tomorrow, 2-5.50pm; free.

Literati: Mark Gerson Portraits of celebrities from the literary world. National Portrait Gallery. St Martin's Place, WC2 (017I-306 0055). Today, IOamôpm, temorrow, midday-

Robert Mapplethorpe Acclaimed photographer's long-awaited retrospective. Hayward Gallery, Belvedere Road, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Today, tomorrow, 10am-6pm; £5.

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CHICHESTER New Sculpture at Goodwood Work by Anthony Caro, Lynn Chadwick and Richard Deacon. Sculpture at Goodwood, Hat Hill Copse (01243 538449). Today, 10.30am-

DURHAM Bill Viola New site-specific work from the master of spectacle. Durham Cathedral. Palace Green (0191-384

4.30pm; £10.

TRAVEL TO THE GOLDEN DOMES AND **SPLENDOURS** OF IRAN

3720/386 4266). Today, tomorrow, phone for times;

EDINBURGH Callum Innes Series of paintings from the abstract artist. Inverleith House, Royal Botanic Gardens, Inverleith Row (0131-552 7171). Today, tomorrow, 10am-

GLASGOW Charles Rennie Mackintosh Retrospective by artist. designer and architect. McLellan Galleries, Sauchiehall Street (0141-331 1854). Today, 10am-8pm, tomorrow, liam-8pm; £4.

LIVERPOOL Home and Away: Internationalism and British

Large-scale show including work by Stanley Spencer, Freud and Bacon. Tate Gallery Liverpool, Albert Dock (0151-709 3223). Today, tomorrow, 10am-6pm; free.

Rachel Whiteread Previous Turner Prizewinner's sculptures. Tate Gallery. Albert Dock (0151-709

3223). Today, tomorrow, 10am-6pm; £2.50, cones £1. ST IVES Mark Rothko in Cornwall Rothko's work redefined in

context with St Ives-based St Ives Tate Gallery. Porthmeor Beach (01736 796226). Today, Ham-7pm, tomorrow, Ham-5pm; £3.

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Ruth Gledhill joins the Browning Society's celebration of a marriage Souls of poets dead and gone



there to celebrate a marriage, St Marylebone parish church, a sombre building at the best of times, seemed filled with an atmosphere that was somehow spooky. If thou

must love me, let it be for nought Except for love's sake only, someone whispered nearby, exactly 150 years on from the few minutes in which Robert Browning wed Elizabeth Barrett on exactly the same spot. Unlike the emptiness in which they married, in secret and against the wishes of Elizabeth's tyrannical father, the church was packed, with members of the Browning Society and scholars from all over the world as well as members of their respective families, united now as

they were divided then.
"We give thanks, especially, that they acted on their deepest feelings and, committing themselves to each other. risked an uncertain future that was to lead them far from family and friends," we prayed. We rejoice in the personal fulfilment of their marriage and the consequent enrichment of their poetry." The couple's story is all the more romantic in that Elizabeth's life seemed destined, for many years, to end in loneliness and tragedy. After a happy childhood in the Malvern Hills she fell seriously ill at 15 and the Barrett family moved to Wimpole Street in London. Her father, devastated by the death of

ALTHOUGH we were there to celebrate a mardoor. The fire was lit all year round and her two dogs slept with her. The room was barely dusted. In her letters she described how the spiders had grown

tame and their webs part of the scene. There was an adjoining door to her father's room, and they prayed together every night. Browning, whom she had never met, wrote to her: "I love your verses with all my heart ... and I love you too." Browning did not resent her father's jealousy, because he considered Elizabeth, aged 40, a treasure who

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PRIEST: The Rev Richard McLaren ARCHITECTURE: Consecrated in 1817 and radically altered in 1884, this magnificent church is enhanced by glittering chandeliers donated in 1968 from the Marylebone council

chamber **** SERMON: Dr Griffiths, a Methodist, preached a moving inbute to the Brownings, who were both dissenters.***

MUSIC: The two poets' words set to music, and sung by soloist Catherine Peacock. LITURGY: Poems, prayers, hymns and reflections on the lives of Elizabeth and Robert.***

SPIRITUAL HIGH: As strange as dreams of distant spheres.★★★ AFTER-SERVICE CARE: Pastoral and apiritual. St Marylebone's has transformed its

should be guarded with vigilance. Nev-ertheless, her father's grief-stricken stubbornness left them no choice but to elope. which they did, to Italy but not until a week after the wedding.

Leslie Griffiths, a Methodist minister at Wesley's chapel in the City of London. preached. In our day their story would create banner headlines in the tabloids. he said. "But behind it lies the monumental struggle for Elizabeth's soul. The great thing is the love Robert had for Elizabeth. That great thing points to the struggle taking place in her mind and for her heart. This particular story points not only to people who have loved, but to the whole human race. At its heart, is the tension between Elizabeth's love for her

father and her love for Robert. Two principles of the great Judeo-Christian ethic are brought into conflict: to love father and mother, and in marriage to leave father and mother." Elizabeth was proud and independent but she came to see that "only an act of submission, a surrender of self, could allow her to experience the true love that

was coming her way". Elizabeth's despotic father never forgave her. At this celebration of their marriage, tinged with sadness, we wondered who held her now. "Death," I said. But, there, the silver answer

St Marylebone Parish Church, Marylebone Road, London NW1 5LT (0171-935 7315). For further information on the Connaught Theatre,

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rang..."Not Death, but Love."

ing Society contact Dr Marie Calcraft

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Why he can't stomach it

A Vet Writes...

ew dogs go through life without at least one bout of "V&D" — vomiting and diarrhoea. An unhappy event, a thorough nuisance, but life-threatening only to the very young or very old.

Adult dogs can have diarrhoea one day and be normal next morning without treatment. It is reasonable to wait 24 hours before going to the vet if Fido's simply leaky, but bright and cheerful in every other way. Three or four days' delay is too long and if he has vomited several times. 24 hours' inaction is enough. Gastroenteritis — usually GE — is a general diagnosis of almost all V&Ds. It means no

more than inflammation of the stomach and intestine. Any "itis" means inflammation; "gastro" refers to the stomach; "enter" to the intestines. GE does not indicate the reason for the trouble.

Whatever the cause, dehydration can be a major problem. Fluid is lost in liquid motions and when the dog vomits. It must be replaced, but filling the water bowl is not the answer. The dog feels thirsty and has a good drink. His inflamed stomach does not appreciate half a pint of water and rejects it - plus an ounce or so of normal gastric

juice. The net result is a loss of fluid. The dog feels even thirstier, drinks more, vomits again, with a further loss. If he drank a tablespoonful of water and retained it, this would be progress - and half an hour later he might keep down an eggcupful.

Most dogs are sick from time to time. Dogs' stomachs can cope with some revolting foods. Our pets' ancestors relied on long-dead carrion as a major part of their diet. But there are limits. If Fido finds something smelly and horrible, long past its "eat by" date, he has a built-in first aid mechanism. He vomits the offending material.

Nursing bitches will vomit food for their pups to eat: it is part of the weaning process. Greedy dogs relieve an overloaded stomach by ejecting the contents then re-eating them. The food stays put a second time around.

There are dozens of causes of gastroenteritis. A precise diagnosis takes time and needs veterinary tests and advice. Don't wait too long and don't make things worse in the meanwhile by allowing him to drink - and vomit -

JAMES ALLCOCK





It is not just human beings who suffer back problems — four-legged friends may need treatment too

Osteopath Anthony Pusey sets to work manipulating a sedated horse. The aim is to make the horse more comfortable by loosening limbs and making the animal more supple

The animal manipulators

teopath, was not surprised to receive a call from a patient requesting he come immediately because Jack was rolling around the kitchen floor in agony. He had already treated the caller, his wife and one of his sons, and so presumed

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Jack was another son. But he the supervision of or in conwas in for a surprise, for Jack turned out to be an Alsatian. In his ten years as a practising osteopath Mr Pusey had never treated an animal and he had to explain he could not do so (no one may treat an animal unless they are the owner, a vet or someone acting under

sultation with a vet).

Now, 15 years since his meeting with Jack. Mr Pusey is one of the top animal osteopaths in Britain with a practice in West Sussex and a consultancy at an equine hospital in Oxfordshire. He also co-ordinates the Masters degree course module at the British School of Naturopathy and Osteopathy in London.

One osteopath who studied under Mr Pusey is Emma Ross. "It has been known for a human patient to come to me and say they're having a then coincidentally ask me to treat their dog, who also has a back problem," she says.

Animal osteopathy differs little from that performed on humans. The osteopath aims to cure a condition and relieve pain. The onset of old age can bring its problems for pets. Hip displacement is an orthopaedic problem found in certain large breeds of dogs. It causes the back legs to become unsteady and the limbs stiff and painful.

Osteopathy will not cure it but, according to Mr Pusey,

Call for pets to be

on prescription

treatment can alleviate the condition. "Hip displacement can cause back problems which we can treat with osteopathy," Ms Ross says. "By doing that, we can often help the limbs - but it doesn't cure

what is a hip problem. "In some old dogs, however, you know they won't get better. What we aim to do is to make them more comfortable by loosening parts that have become tight and making the animal more supple," she says. "Osteopathy is a gentle process, although you do need

some strength. But it's more Mr Pusey might also have wished for more strength on occasions. In common with most osteopaths working with

horses, he prefers to have

Gloucestershire GL4 4AD (01453 766394).

Reading, Berkshire RG1 4YR (01734 512051).

dog can do is bite you. Horses can bite and kick." As horses are relaxed by the sedative they can lean forward resting their considerable weight on the osteopath. Eigh-

them sedated, "The worst a

teen months ago Mr Pusey's years of propping up sedated no longer treats them alone. Mr Pusey charges between £28 and £30 for a 30 to 40 minute consultation.

While the majority of work done by animal osteopaths is with domestic pets and farm animals such as horses, cows happy to treat wild animals. "I get the joy of treating an animal, which would otherwise not survive, and getting it

back to the wild," he says.

that of the ship's surgeon on Noah's Ark. In his work at the Gloucestershire Wildlife Reserve Centre and his own clinical practice, he has treated wild animals as diverse as bats, badgers, iguanas, elephants, foxes and recently the oldest Brazilian tapir in captivity. He is currently treating a Burmese elephant with a lower back problem. He charges £25 for the initial consultation and £20 for each consultation

Mr Nevin's CV reads like

after that. The good news is that while the pet makes a full recovery. different kind of recovery. Treatment methods once regarded as cranky by insurance companies are now widely accepted. "So long as it's recommended by a ver, we pay out for alternative therapies. says Paul Cosgrove of insurers

As for Jack, his owner way able to contact the vet so that Mr Pusey could consult with him. After three of Ms Pusey's treatments. Jack was back to his old self.

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of owning and stroking a pet, only 4 per cent of residential/nursing homes in the UK offer accommodation for pet owners and just one in seven keep their own cat for residents to interact with." Events this weekend, which have been organised by Cat Protection League regions, include a gala at Drill Hall, Broadgate, Lincoln, today 10am; open days at North London Shelter, 135



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■ To find osteopaths in your area, for yourself or your pet, contact the Osteopathic Information Service, PO Box 2074,

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PET NEWS

Junction Road, Archway, London NI9. today, noon; Ryde Centre, Isle of Wight, today, noon; Whiteley Centre, Warsop, tomorrow. 2pm; Maypole Cat Fayre. Maypole Inn. Yapton, Chichester, tomorrow, llam; as well as many other local events. For details, call your local branch of the Cat Protection League.

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JACK CROSSLEY

Swallows but no amazons

LAST WEEK I found a swailow's nest in Venice. I was standing on the bridge just by the little "school" where the wonderful Carpaccio paintings are housed, when I saw a swallow wheeling over the canal between some moored gondolas. Suddenly it flew up to the front of one of the houses on the canalside, stayed there a moment, and flew off again. I went down from the bridge. and above the doorway, on a

under a Renaissance balcony, I found its mud nest. It must have been feeding some late young, though I could not see them from below. It is quite unusual to find a swallow nesting in the heart of a city, but Venice is rather different from other cities, and the bird probably

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caught enough insects above the canals and along the edge of the lagoon. Mosquitoes doubtless figured prominently in its diet.

Swallows have always been opportunistic nesters. They probably nested originally in caves, but saw their chance when mankind became farmers and switched their allegiance to barns. Nowadays, wooden barns with convenient rafters are dwindling in numbers, and swallows are suffering because of it. But they are adaptable. Last year, in a Bedfordshire village, I found a pair nesting under the roof of a little wooden pavilion on a triangle of grass at the village

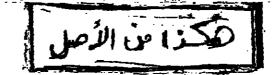
Most of the northern European swallows are now on their way south, with flocks of several thousand often stopping to feed over reservoirs and fens. But some young birds are still around the farmyards - and you can see them playing, picking up a feather in the air, then dropping it for another to snatch.

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Iran: Away from the drab capital, the land is a Persian carpet of turquoise and gold, domes and surprises

From Darius to the ayatollahs



riends looked startled when I said I was just back from a visit to Iran. They thought i was either brave, especially for a woman, or a bit eccentric. After a day in Tehran other visitors might think the same.

The capital is mostly grey and characterless, dominated by slab-like buildings and backed by slab-like mountains. You can ride up to the snowline in a cable car and eat kebabs in a cold, windowless restaurant, brightened only by a frame of coloured lights around the giant portrait of Ayatollah Khomeini.

Reminders that this is the Islamic Republic of Iran are everywhere. Our tour bus had a sign on the roof reading "God remember", and God's representatives made sure that remembered the hijab, Islamic dress code.

The Homa hotel chain welcomes its visitors from the West with a sign above the main door in huge and permanent-looking brass letters, "Down with USA". This official hostility is totally at odds. however, with the welcome extended to foreigners by the people of Iran. They smiled, talked to us and lined up to be photographed with us.

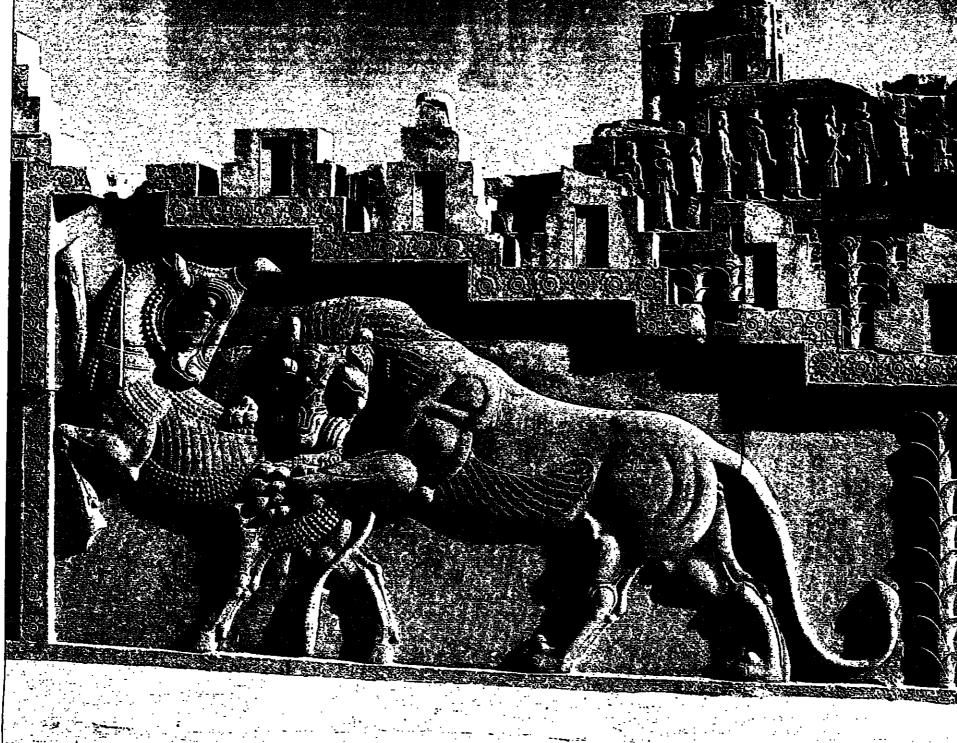
The bus took us south with our guide, Mr Sassan, who was uncontrollable in his generosity. The mere thought of pistachio nuts and a bag of them would drop into our laps; glance out of the window and the bus would screech to a the guidebook and a whole library of informative literature would be handed to us.

Mr Sassan moved from seat to seat, gazing caringly into our faces, trying to fathom our needs. Referring to himself always in the third person he was omnipotent. "Mr Sassan will take care of it himself; just ask Mr Sassan."

For 3,000 years the former Persia has produced extraordinary men whose mark on history is gloriously and disturbingly evident in modern Iran: from the ceremonial centre of Persepolis, built by Darius the Great (548-486 BC), to the reign of the last Shah of Persia ("King of Kings, Light of the Aryans"), and finally to the Islamic revolution of Kho-

The Iranians are proud of their country. They feel invincible. They believe that the West, America in particular, is afraid of them, so there are none of the signs of nervousness so visible in politically unstable countries. We saw no road blocks, no youngsters toting machineguns, and no tougher security than you would find in Britain.

ne of the great Persian rulers was Shah Abbas I, who reigned from 1587 to lo29. In those 42 years he defeated the Uzbeks and Turks, regaining a lost slice of empire, and drove out the Portuguese, who were causing trouble on the Gulf. Sympathetic to any nation with reason to hate the Turks, he invited the Armenians to take refuge in Iran (and would they mind bringing with them some useful technology?). The shah went on to estab-



Bas-relief carvings are the glory of ancient Persepolis. Whole walls of cunciform text explain how great and wonderful a king Darius was, and depict subjects bearing gifts

it all. In another painting the saint's tormentor has been faced entirely with intricately lish trade relations with Britain, give protection to the great patterned blue tiles. The visitor is surrounded by curves turned into a pig, with a nose like a tapir, and looks repentrans-Asia caravan routes, and to create Isfahan, one of and colour: the honeycombthe finest cities in the world. design ceilings look like caves tant. In the next picture he has Isfahan is glorious: it has shady, tree-lined avenues, been forgiven, changed back of dream stalactites, and the arches and domes are the hazy

the most perfect urban space in the world. Maidan-e-Imam (Imam Square), which is twice "gas"), and marquetry boxes. as big as Moscow's Red Souare. In Iol2, Shah Abbas decided that the grandstand view afforded from the seven-storey

Ali Qapu palace should be put to good use. A polo ground was laid out and, no doubt, polo was played, but the square also drew caravans of traders from all over Asia and local people tapped into the wealth of the visitors. According to a contemporary writer there were jugglers, puppet theatres, verse and prose storytellers. thimble-riggers (whatever they are), preachers and tents full of prostitutes.

covered bridges, more than

200 mosques and, perhaps,

We visited the square in the early afternoon when there was hardly anybody around. apart from a group of giggling schoolgirls, who joined us to gaze out from the second floor of Ali Qapu palace. The blue and gold domes of two mosques gleamed in the sun. reversing themselves in the ornamental pools that divide

up the square. The shah's private mosque, the Sheikh Lutfollah, faces the palace, but the crowning glory of the square is the Imam Mosque. It is entered through a soaring outer portal, 30 metres (about 100ft) high, and

blue of distant hills. Surrounding the square are shops selling carpets and kilims, (enticingly called

ost of the shop owners seemed in London or have brothers living in Bolton. They said they loved Britain and wanted to go back. They hoped more tourists would visit Islahan so that business

would pick up.
Although Isfahan is the centre of Islamic architecture it has one of the most fascinating Christian churches in the Middle East. Built by a Muslim architect, the Armenian cathedral looks like a mosque with a tiny cross on top, but is wonderfully different inside. You forget how much you miss figurative painting in Iran (Islam forbids the representation of humans or animals). In the cathedral dedicated to

St Gregor, the walls and ceilings are covered with excitingly horrible paintings. There is a Last Judgment reminiscent of Hieronymus Bosch, and two walls of sequential paintings depicting, most graphically, the tortures suffered by St Gregor. It would be stomach-turning were it not that the saint, with his Brasso-bright halo, looks only mildly inconvenienced by

into a prince, and is having the time of his life in Heaven. All this to a background of Grego-

rian chants. We flew to Shiraz and then visited Persepolis, which was built as a ceremonial centre for celebrating the spring equi-nox, but the gods were no match for Darius and the Persian personality cult.

Darius was not a modest king; whole walls of cuneiform text explain how great and wonderful he was, and the bas-relief carvings, which are the glory of Persepolis, depict subjects from all over the vast empire bearing gifts that are typical of their country. You can identify Armenians, Bactrians, Ethiopians, Egyptians, Ionians, Indians, and a host of others with names from childhood history books. Then the most famous name from ancient history, Alexander the Great, came and destroyed it. But what remains after more than 2,000 years is still awe-inspiring.

What surprised me most about Iran? The people: you brace yourself for hostility but find warmth and friendliness. And the beauty: you expect Iran but find yourself in Persia, a land of turquoise and gold, domes and minarets, nomads and mountains.

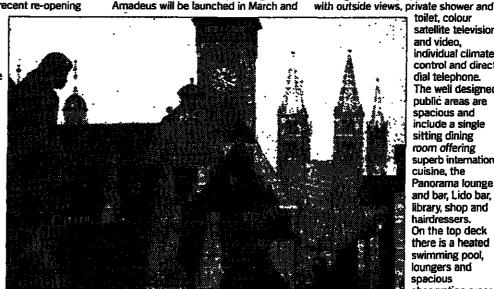
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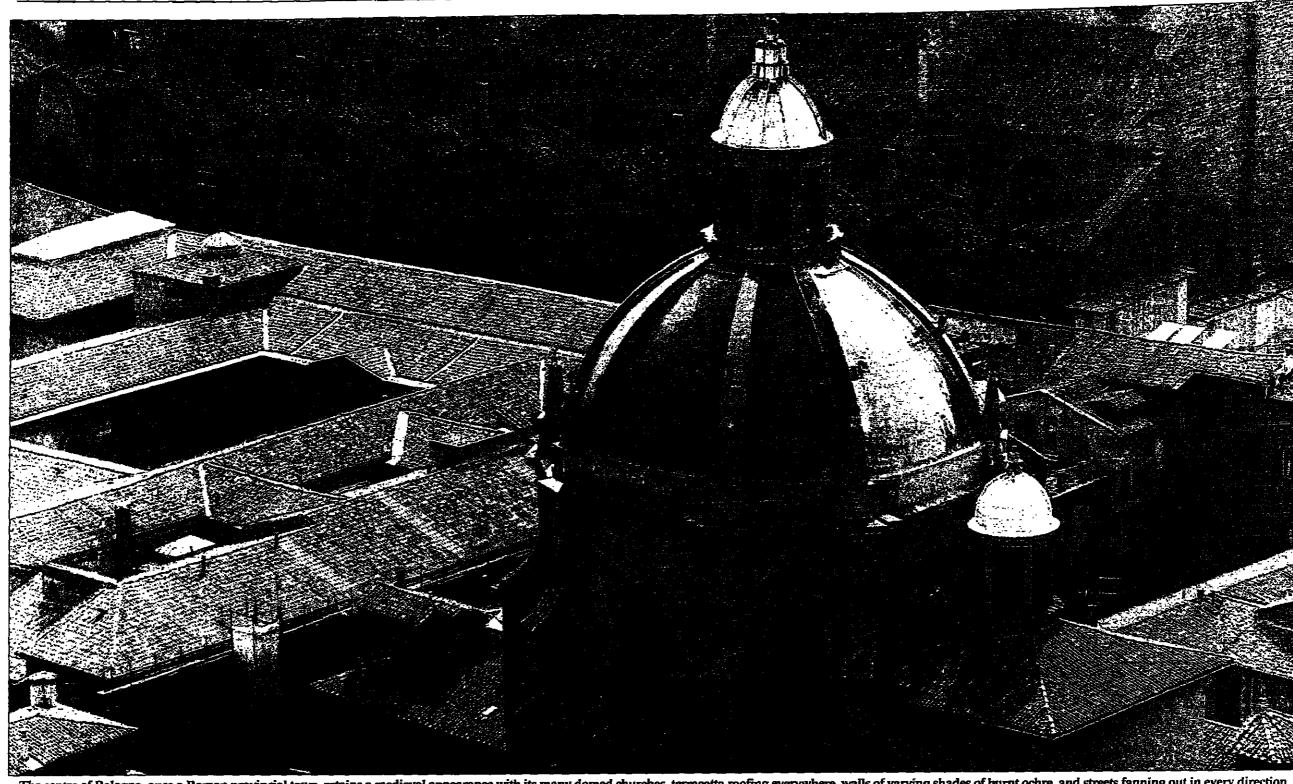
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Bologna: An ancient and cultured town that's also flesh-and-blood modern Italy, not just a tourist tableau



The centre of Bologna, once a Roman provincial town, retains a medieval appearance with its many domed churches, terracotta roofing everywhere, walls of varying shades of burnt ochre, and streets fanning out in every direction

Where the touro-dollar is small change

student couple having a hungry snog in the seceffects of idealism on British popular culture since the Second World War that clinched

This was not the Italy of sightseeing delight - heritaged, restored, and air-conditioned coach-toured. Bologna. with its necking teenagers seeking somewhere out of the cold on a Saturday afternoon (presumably because they couldn't snog at home; half the 60.000 students of Bologna University live with their par-

ents) is the real, flesh-andtourist tableau. Not that Bologna isn't old

and well preserved. Once a ally the entire centre of the city retains a medieval appearance, with its streets fanning out, terracotta roofing everywhere, and walls of varying shades of burnt ochre. So yes. it's beautiful. But, then again, the main piazzas and palaces apart, just a bit rundown.

You won't find so many tourists in Bologna, not even in August, a Bolognese friend told me, perversely proud that at least his city had not tarted herself up to ensnare the more the typical Bolognese

touro-dollar. Every summer blood modern Italy, not a the tourists race past on the autostrada to Florence 50 miles away, bypassing unknowingly some of the most Roman provincial town, virtu- interesting urban development in Italy.

And in the overcast dead of winter, with the streets misty, I began to suspect I might well be the only tourist out to enjoy this unaffected affluent city of Emilia-Romagna.

Admittedly it was disappointing not to find a restaurant serving spaghetti bolognese, for so long my most ambitious step into culinary exotica (apparently tortelloni burro e pomodora is much

pasta dish, anyway), and the ca di St Petronio. El Greco's co in front of the Bank of Italy murk completely hid what I Last Supper in the Pinacoteca in Via Farini. was assured are pretty, villalittered Apennine hills to the south of the old town.

But this was a small price to pay for the opportunity to see modern Italy living with, and making contemporary use of, ancient Italy, unashamed of crumbling plaster, disintegrating columns and haphazard street pavings. The residents of Bologna do not live in a

Of course there are the usual basilicas and galleries, stuffed to the crust in celebra-tion of Bologna's artistic and spiritual past (Amico Asper-tini's Holy Cross in the BasiliLast Supper in the Pinacoteca Nazionale, and Uccello's Christ's Nativity in the Basilica di St Martino), but then, it was ruled by the Vatican for 350 years until the unification of Italy in the last century.

What I find more interesting is the display of a temporal kind of faith, which so much of Bologna suggests. Here is the oldest university in Europe, founded about 1200 AD (and probably not much redecorated since) where anatomy was taught to Dante and Petrarch; here are the remains of 40 great towers, originally built for military signalling in de-fence, and only later for show: and here, too, is the greatest number of arcaded pavements

anywhere in the world. The arcades are the look of Bologna. They are everywhere, and in so many styles; no street too humble for its own colonnades, from the low wooden structures of the middle ages which hang over the Palazzo Grassi, to the ecclesiastically elegant cloisters outside the church of St Giacomo Maggiore and on to the lofty. portentous 19th-century porti-

Nor are the columns sunporting the arcades necessarily consistent. In some of the busiest streets when one has fallen or been knocked down it has been replaced by another in a different stone, a testament itself to the practical nature of this city's people.

he romantic story in Bologna, which is also famous for having the only continuous left-wing council since 1945 — the former controlling Communist party now calls itself the PDS, the party of the Democratic Left and is one half of a coalition - is that the first arcades were built in the spirit of an early co-operative movement

According to local legend there was a famine in the countryside and the country people flocked to the city. where, unable to house them all, the local townspeople hit on the idea of covering the pavements so that the homeless would have some shelter. To me that sounds a bit like a public relations rational-

isation for the homeless sleeping under the arches at Charing Cross in London ("Why don't we build a railway, folks. and give the vagrants a place to sleep"), and I can't help but

be more easily drawn to the functional notion that the arcades were there to provide shelter from the sun in the blistering summers. But, no doubt, and appropriately enough in this city of the people, everyone benefited. not least the modern visitor. Now there are 24 miles of

arcades covering Bologna's pavements and, save for crossing roads, it is possible to walk for five miles from the centre of Bologna to the Sanctuary of St Luke's Madonna on the Della Guardia hill overlooking the town without getting either frazzled or soaked. Of course, in mid-winter you still get frozen. For those pursuing more

earnest cultural tastes, there is a permanent museum for the Bologna artist Morandi in the Piazza Maggiore, while opera at the Teatro Comunale is reckoned to be second only to Milan's La Scala. But most of all, Bologna is a city of

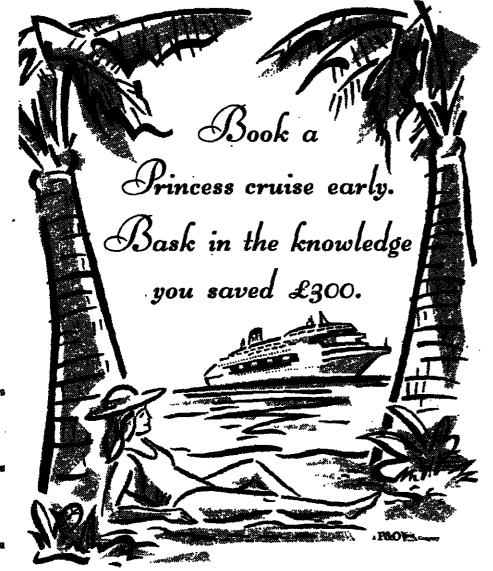
there are young people it is the cinema that is the paramount art form, encouraged by the city-backed Cineteca Film Archive, whose showplace, the Cinema Lumière. is on Via

While largely devoted to restoring old movies (there is a silent-film festival every June) the archive has more than 9.000 rare prints, including classic Russian and Soviet films assembled since the turn of the century. A three-week season of Russian films starts next Friday.

For how long Bologna will continue to be largely overlooked by tourists is difficult to predict. Restoration projects are in operation all round the town, and the municipal planners, no doubt, have more

than an eye on the income to be generated by their past. But as their neighbours in , Florence have discovered. nothing comes without cost. Perhaps Bologna has got the balance between the needs of the citizens and those of the tourists just about right.

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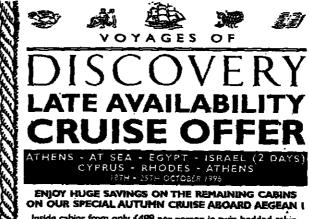
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There are many good hotels to suit most budgets. The author stayed on the edge of the old part of Bologna at Best Western's Hotel Re Enzo, Via S. Croce 26, 40122, Bologna (051 52 33 22, fax 051 55 40 35). The rate is about £75 a night for a double room with breakfast, reducing to about £50 (minimum two nights) on certain weekends in the year.

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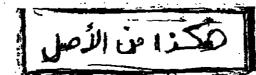
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Albania and Slovenia: Stuck in a time-warp but catching up with the 20th century; lakes and living well

Unspoilt by progress – so far



he temptation in Albania is to think small. The country is the size of Ulster and Wales combined, the population half that of London, and Tirana, the capital. is not as big as Taunton. The airport terminal is no larger than a provincial bus station and the tallest building in the land is 15 storeys high: the minarets of mosques reach halfway up.

There is one section of dual carriageway six kilometres long, the railway system is minuscule and the two seaports make Ramsgate look like Rotterdam. Donkeys, mules and pony traps outnumber bicycles. The country might be in a time-warp, with the second half of the 20th century yet to happen.

In a sense, this is true. For 46 years, Albania was an isolated society struggling under the most repressive of regimes. Its Communist leader, Enver Hoxha, transformed it into an Orwellian militarist state, airbrushed the past out of existence and alerted every citizen to the impending West-

ern-inspired invasion.

Of the 10,000 motor vehicles on the road, 95 per cent were military: it was illegal to own a car. All religions were proscribed. However, Hoxha died in 1985, his wife is behind bars and his successor recently released from house arrest. A new era is dawning.

What Albania (more correctly Shqipëria) lacks in modernity, it makes up for in history. For three millennia, it has been methodically overrun. Originally the legendary kingdom of Illyria, it has been marched over by Greeks, Romans, Goths, Huns, Byzantines, Bulgars, Normans, Serbs, Venetians, Turks, Italians and, finally, Marxists. The consequences are a bewitching cultural hotchpotch.

The language is musical but impenetrable and semantically unique. Squat Ottoman houses rub eaves with Italian fascist buildings and socialist concrete cubes. Renovated mosques co-exist beside rejuvenated Greek Orthodox churches. Citadels occupy mountain summits, the Roman Via Egnatia cuts through en route for the old Constantinople, rural villages look like sets for a medieval drama, and Illyrian and



The Ethem Bey mosque in Tirana's Skenderbeg Square is one of the most important in Albania but religion was proscribed under Hoxha

Greek ruins lurk in the countryside. After five decades of being denied their history, the Albanians are discovering it. Ylli, my taxi driver, asked me if I knew of a mosaic at Arapaj, thought to be the remains of the Norman church of St Michael, built in 1081. He had stumbled on it the day before

and marvelled over the fact.

To travel through Albania is to experience the last of unspoilt Europe. The rivers are as clear as green glass and so clean you can swim in many of them. Roadside springs provide ice-cold drinking water. The roads are narrow and leave much to be desired, with potholes so large they should have names, but the landscape is exquisite. Ancient stone villages nestle in

olive groves and comfields, blizzarded by butterflies and framed by backdrops of forests inhabited by bears and mountains roamed by wolves. Albania has vistas to rival all but the high Swiss Alps. The coast is as spectacular as it is untrammelled. South of Vlora Albania's second sea-

is untrammelled. South of Vlora, Albania's second seaport, the only road traverses the Llogora Pass where the Çika mountains plunge for 3,000ft into the Ionian Sea. The long, pristine beaches, approachable only by tracks from the road, are deserted. In 50 miles of shore, there are only 12 villages and one significant of the principles
approachable only by tracks from the road, are deserted. In 50 miles of shore, there are only 12 villages and one picturesque small town, Himara, which Philip of Macedonia attacked in 214 BC, where Julius Caesar was nearly shipwrecked and the infa-

mous Ali Pasha Tepelena, an acquaintance of Byron, slaughtered 6,000 townsfolk in 1797. If Albania had tourist brochures, this would be called the Bregdeti Hlsioriké - the History Coast. The towns can be as beautiful as the landscape. Berat, 70 miles from Tirana, nestles on the banks of the Osum river, below a substantial citadel. High on a ridge, it contains occupied homes which were old when Sultan Murad I invaded in 1385, and a cannon donated by Lord Nelson. Here, too, is a museum dedicated to the work of Onufri. the most famous of all medieval icon painters. Below the

citadel, clinging to the precipi-

tous rock above the river, all

the buildings are Ottoman, the

modern suburb neither dwarfing nor stifling them. Bars, cafés and restaurants line the river, serving Turkish coffee, whole sheep roasted over a spit, local beer, wine and raki, the Albanian version of the traditional Balkan schnappslike tipple which here one is expected to sip, not down in one breath-rasping gulp.

ust as delightful are the Albanians. Foreigners are not regarded simply as tourists to be tolerated for their wallets nor envied for their wrist-watches. They are considered more as travellers were a century ago, to be welcomed and questioned, not mugged or ripped off. Conversation is not difficult: someone will speak English, a good number speak Italian and

everyone wants to talk.

Indicative of Albanian hospitality was the treatment my son and I received in the Ethern Bey mosque in Tirana, one of the most important in the nation. The imam himself instructed us to keep our shoes on: the prayer carpets were rolled back to allow us guided access, not only to the mosque, but the women's gallery and the minaret. This was not done to gain a donation, but

because we had shown interest in his holy establishment. Times are changing, however. There are now 300,000 vehicles on Albanian roads, a significant number of them stolen from all over Europe and smuggled in by the mafia: a former Royal Mail van delivers vegetables in Tirana. Designer jeans are arriving from Italy, counterfeit ciga-

Coca-Cola from America.

In Berat, recently designated a World Heritage City, there is hardly a building without a satellite dish, and a 15ft-high Coca-Cola bottle stands alongside the minaret of the early 19th-century Mosque of the Bachelors.

rettes from Macedonia and

Albania is in a state of flux and needs discovering before it is too late. The Albanians have noted what happened to the Spanish costas and are determined not to destroy their heritage. However, they may yet be corrupted by the glint of tourist gold. The word is to get to this fabulous feast as quickly as possible in case all that remains are crumbs.

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Slavs to the good life

ogs of war barked briefly in Slovenia, for ten days or so back in June 1991 when it broke away from Yugoslavia. Since then, this small Alpine nation, tucked between Austria, Italy and Croatia, with its engaging baroque towns and Hapsburg cities, placid lakes and soaring mountains, has quietly and steadily raced ahead of its former Yugoslav neighbours.

Suggest to a Slovene that

Slovenia is part of the Balkans and he will recoil in horror, and perhaps rightly, for independent Slovenia is an economic success story. Slovenes have a per capita income of over £6,000 per head, the highest of all Europe's former Communist states.

This colourful new tile in Europe's ethnic mosaic may once have shared a government and currency with Serbia, Bosnia and Macedonia, but federation with Austria would have made more sense. German is the second language here and you are as likely to spot a loden-coatwearing businessman in the capital Ljubljana as in Linz in neighbouring Austria.

The language, Slovene, is southern Slavic, but the Slovene mentality is more Germanic than Slavic, which is not surprising as Slovenia was part of the Austro-Hungarian empire, ruled from Vienna. The only sign that Slovenia was part of eastern Europe's communist empire is the truculent policemen (visitors should carry passports at all times) and the box-like architecture that can mar beauty spots such as Lake Bled.

Slovenia's tourist industry is recovering from the war down the road, although even at the height of the fighting in Bosnia a visit to Slovenia was no more risky than to neighbouring Hungary. Even so, a glance at a map was enough to put off potential visitors but now Slovenes hope that as peace replaces strife in the former Yugoslav war zone, and the region stabilises, the tourists will return en masse.

They would be right to do so. From the beauty of Lake Bled, surrounded by tree-lined slopes and overlooked by a castle, to the bustle of the lively capital Ljubljana, with its bars and cafes, and small towns such as Pruj, Slovenia is an enjoyable cocktail of architecture, culture, history, scenery and excellent white wines, in my view the best in the region.

Ljubljana, perched on the river Ljubljanica, is the best place to take the pulse of one of Europe's newest states. Take a walk around the old town, by the river, where baroque architecture retains the flavour of the city in its Hapsburg glory days. Energetic visitors should trek up to the castle, that once defended Ljubljana, for a beautiful view of this mini-metropolis. As well as



attractive architecture, Ljubljana has the liveliest nightlife in the former Yugoslavia, apart from Belgrade. Spiced with Italian influences in clothes and coffee, Ljubljana is a heady brew of buzzing bars and cafés, especially around Presernov Trg (square).

Wind down from Ljubljana at Lake Bled, one of Europe's most scenic beauty spots. Tucked away in the ages-old embrace of the surrounding mountains, overlooked by a castle as romantic as anything Disney could conjure up. Lake Bled is restful and romantic, a place to cement a new romance or revitalise an old one.

n the tourist season, when the lake thaws from the winter freeze, there are rowing boats for hire, as well as bicycles and canoes. Pack a picnic and row out to the middle of the lake to Bled Island, and visit the aptlynamed Church of Our Lady of the Lake. Otherwise the best way to enjoy Bled is to walk along its shores, or up the steep paths that cut through the woods up to the castle. That itself is unremarkable. but the view is one of Europe's finest and the restaurant terrace is a good spot for lunch.

Accommodation at Lake Bled is reasonably priced. Double rooms with a balcony over the lake (ask for a room with a view), are about £45. Slovenia's second city. Maribor, lacks both the charm and nightlife of Liubliana, Head instead for the charming town of Ptuj, overlooking the river Drava. Ptuj is rich in baroque and medieval architecture and has its own castle, with an engaging museum packed with paintings of stern Ottoman dignitaries and an amusing collection of ramshackle Austrian musical instruments. Like Slovenia, it's a cocktail of Europe's eclectic central

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Adria Airways (0171-734 4630) has return flights to Ljubljana from Heathrow from £241. Slovenia Pursuits (01763 853646) offers a week B&B in a hotel at Lake Bled from £350, or a week in Ljubljana from £375, with flights from Heathrow. Further information from the Slovenian Tourist Office, 0171-372 3767.



Remote Lake Bled: one of Europe's beauty spots



ALBANIA FACT FILE

■ Swissair (0171-439 4144) offers flights to Albania via Zurich for £839 return, but promotional fares are available; with Alitalia (0171-602 7111) via Rome, £839 return; with Lufthansa (0345 737747) via Frankfurt, £862 return. A taxi ride from Rinas airport, 15 miles from Tirana, costs about £15-£20 (no airport buses) Overland, by car-ferry from Bari or Brindisi in Italy to Durrës: a diesel 4x4 vehicle is best because unleaded petrol is scarce and roads can be rough. ■ In Tirana, Hotel Europapark (355 42 35035), of international 5-star standard, charges about £125 a night for a double room (£98 single), including a substantial smorgasbord-type breakfast and all taxes. Other hotels are the Tirana International (42 34185) and the Dajti (42 27662) the old Communist botel, if you want to imagine George Smiley or Graham Greene walking down the corridor: tariffs slightly lower. Elsewhere in Albania, local hotels are available at a wide range of standards and prices. Eating out is cheap and good, restaurants and bars are

■ Public transport is chaotic, as is driving. Hire a car with a driver. Cost depends on distance. A Mercedes and driver costs £70 for a full day for a journey of up to 200 miles. Negotiate the price before hiring. All drivers are courteous, very obliging and likely to show you unknown sights at no extra cost.
■ US dollars are accepted everywhere:

sterling is roundly rejected. The local currency is the lek. Change money in Tirana from street money vendors. They are technically illegal, but allowed, and their rate is up to 15 per cent better than the official changers. Take and demand only pristine bills. Credit cards are unknown outside the botels mentioned above.

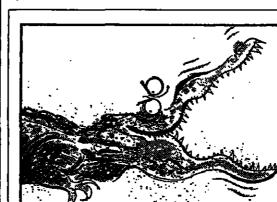
Albania is best visited between late

March and June when the land is a carpet

of wild flowers and from late September to mid-November.

Recommended reading. The Blue Guide (A.C. Black, £12.99) is comprehensive but contains some glaring errors.

Albania by Dawson & White (Bradt, £10.95) gives a good feel for the country. Maps available from bookstalls in Tirana.



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TRAVEL

Sailing: Learning the hard way on a voyage through the South Seas islands aboard the tall ship Soren Larsen

Before the mast in a gale-whipped sea



mass approaching across the sea and raced to reef down the sails and secure the ropes that littered the decks. As the squawl hit.

the ship turned into a writhing monster. slapping relentlessly into the swell and shuddering along her full length. My stomach lurched with the vessel, but the exhilaration of fighting against the deluge blocked all other sensations.

A voyage on the Soren Larsen is a far cry from luxury cruises spent reclining in the sun. Brute force and teamwork are required. It is a sensational experience. The brigantine is one of the last of the elegant breed of tall ships that plough the seas as ghosts from a bygone age, the creaking of the wooden panels and flexing of beams her continual complaint.

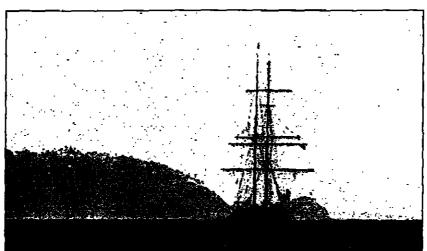
The ship, which became famous in the BBC series The Onedin Line, now hosts trips among the South Pacific islands, hopping between the tropical play-grounds of Tahiti, Tonga, Western Sa-moa, the Cook Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji and

When the gales subsided we retreated into the galley and munched fresh ginger cake, backed by the rousing theme from The Onedin Line. That night, blessed with a full moon, we watched pairs of dolphins leaping before the bow. Spectacular explosions of phosphorescence pulsated like neon rain alongside the ship and were swallowed in its wake. At 3am two crew members were dispatched to bake the next day's bread.

Our multinational crew gathered in the outer reaches of the Kingdom of Tonga to explore the world's most exotic seas aboard the classic vessel. We included a Scottish shopkeeper, Kiwi sheep farmers and a Second World War veteran, our ages stretching between 23 and 74. The passage covered 491 nautical miles between the Vava'u islands, to the north of Tonga, across to Western Samoa.

When we boarded the ship at the ramshackle port of Neiafu in central Vava'u, her owner, Captain Tony Davies, promised us "an experience". Even he had little idea that this would include force seven gales, torrential rain and a run in with a barracuda. Yet the romance of 19th-century seafaring in the spirit of Captain Cook surpassed everything especially when the sun broke through and the temperature soared to 34C.

The ship bears the name of the Danish builders who constructed her entirely of oak in the 1940s. She is 145ft long and was relitted with two 98ft masts and 12 sails encompassing 6,750sq ft of canvas. At full sail she is a magnificent sight. The ship accommodates up to 23 guests and 12 and basins. There are three freshwater showers and marine lavatories. A cook ensures hearty meals, served at elm tables in the saloon or out on the main deck. We never saw hard biscuits and there was an



The Soren Larsen, her twin 98ft masts bared, at anchor in a South Seas bay

amply stocked bar for when the sun dipped below the yardarm. Paying guests, or "voyage crew", are encouraged to help run the ship, doing everything from hauling the vast sails to swabbing the decks and peeling potatoes. No previous sailing experience is necessary.

I have tinkered about on boats from an early age but had little advantage over beginners when it came to sailing the square-rigger. There are no winches or cleats on board. Tacking is a big operation which involves bringing round the headsails, bracing the top sails and hauling across the mainsail to shouts of "two six heave". We slowly mastered our positions at the braces and learnt how to "lay back" on the main sheet to prevent it whipping out over the side. Correctly identifying the plethora of ropes or sheets proved beyond us all.

After 11 days of hauling on sheets and climbing the rigging — which almost everyone shinned up eventually - my hands toughened, unconfined toes began to spread, and I discovered muscles I hadn't known I possessed.

The challenge of overcoming personal fears profoundly affected passengers. With help from the crew, John, a marvellous English rogue in his seventies, shinned 50ft up the rigging and waved at us from the crow's-nest. In midvoyage his wife, Jean, donned a lifejacket to overcome childhood aquaphobia and went swimming for the first time ever. The gardens of fan coral and electric blue

reef fish reduced her to tears. Sailing was interspersed with island stops to explore the stunning outer reaches of the Pacific. On Nuapapu island the more proficient swimmers dived ners Cave. We were rewarded with a surreal journey through eerily glowing water and into a cavernous hollow

crowned with stalactites. Tall ship life is addictive for many. The young Australian purser traded in a city career to keep the voyage accounts, clean lavatories and change bedsheets. She declared herself never happier.

The crew, a bronzed and brawny international band, shared a genuine attachment to the ship and pride in its maintenance. They arranged a pirate party, sea shanty sessions, windsurfing and snorkling sorties out to the reefs. When the proximity of life at sea got too much they spent time-out perched in the rigging or swinging whooping out to sea on a rope attached to the yardarm.

The wide-eved reaction of many islanders to the tall ship drove home the rarity of our experience. On Kapa, in the Vava'u group, a young girl welcomed us into her village, overrun with pigs and chickens, and stared at the ship in amazement. "Big ship," she whispered. "Beeauutiful."

We were roused from a postlunch stupour when a shark was spotted tracking the ship. Gilles, the ship's French engineer and angler, had snagged a temptingly large tuna. The next day we easted on fresh fish washed down with fruity New Zealand wine.



DURING the three-day crossing between nations we fully entered the rhythm of the ship's life. We were divided into twice-daily four-hour watches and held

responsible for keeping a lookout, manning the helm and updating the log. It took time to find our sea legs, particularly on rough days when the swell topped four metres (about 13ft-14ft). Surprisingly, it was the members of the crew who spent the most time getting intimate with the say. Many of us had downed too many seasickness pills to feel much at all.

Our passage took us over the International Date Line from east to west and we were rewarded with seeing in two Sundays in a row.

The Soren Larsen has clocked up more than 150,000 nautical miles in the past decade. Tony Davies found the former Baltic trader in a derelict state in Denmark in the late 1970s. He persuaded the BBC to help refit her as a traditional brigantine for The Onedin Line and subsequent work in The French Lieutenant's Woman and Shackleton.

She later became a Jubilee Sailing Trust vessel for the disabled and flag ship to the bicentennial First Fleet Re-enactment voyage to Australia via the Horn. In 1992 she was class winner in the Gran Regatta Columbus and Tall Ships race across the Atlantic. She is now based in Auckland. The ship's New Zealand company, Square Sail Pacific, reports a 30 per cent return rate of passengers, about 75 per cent of them British.

We recked of emotion when we parted at the bustling old world port of Apia. where Robert Louis Stevenson is buried. But on our last night there was a spectacular display of sheet lightning over the harbour. lighting up the island like a film set. It seemed a fitting finale to the experience of a lifetime.

MARIANNE DARCH The author was a guest of Explore Worldwide aboard the Soren Larsen





Taking the helm is part of training

INFORMATION LOG

Voyages aboard the Soren Larsen are bookable through Explore Worldwide (01252 319448). The next available voyage in the 19th-century brigantine is the deep-sea passage across the Tasman Sea from Sydney to Auckland, via the Bay of Islands. Departing by air from London on October 18, this will be classic ocean sailing at its best, with a chance to learn the basics of navigation and seamanship.

■ The 17-day voyage costs £2,349, including return flights from London. hotel accommodation in Sydney and Auckland (one night in each), full board during the voyage, and tuition. The voyage alone costs £1,220. From next January to March, a

series of eight-day voyages are planned around the coast of New Zealand. In May, the ship sets sail for Tonga and a six-month tour of the South Pacific. Prices start at £477 for an eight-day voyage. Air fares and land accommodation extra.







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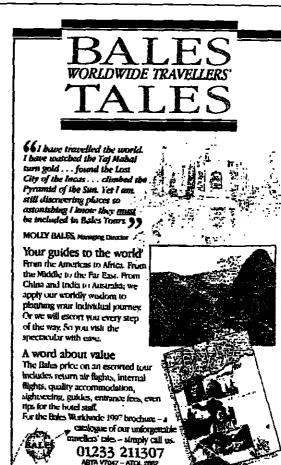
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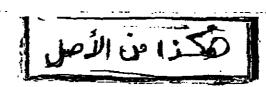
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(c) In ancient Scotland, a high steward of a province. From the Gaelic mor great + maor a bailiff or steward. 'Macbeth being introduced as a king, by the English Chronicle, before he was even a mormaor."

LARON

A robber. From the Old French laron, Latin latro, latronem a robber. Archbishop Ussher, [dodgy] Annals, 1656: "But like a very laron, sought to strip his brother of all that he had in hus necessity."





Britain: A couple put themselves in the hands of a health farm; a not-so-healthy break in Hampshire

THE WIFE

ON MY first day at Champ-neys I fell asleep three times before supper. Once after being tucked up post-mas-sage like a baby on a reclining chair in a dark room by a clucking matronly figure.
Then during a relaxation class, and again after an aromatherapy session.

Champneys is as sure to wind you down as underheated saunas and over-crowded swimming pools are to wind you up. For a start, the 19th-century former Rothschild home, set in silence and 170 acres of parkland, is only 50 minutes from central London. And once there you don't need to move: beauty treatments, classes (archery, juggling) and lectures (Understanding Victorian Painting) are on site; your bed is never far away and you don't ever need to get out of your Champneys dressing gown. Four days is the recom-

mended time to profit most, but many people use Champneys, as we did, for a weekend of massages, meals and mental destimulation. Other guests ranged from a hen party to a party of three couples who were making a weekend of it. Other couples were women friends or husbands and wives. Everyone

Healthy and wealthy, but is it wise? pointment Schedule to ensure that they don't miss the treatments - of which a

steam bath, massage and facial are included in the room rate - and classes. The average age of guests is 41, but at a Stretch and Flex class I attended it appeared to be 61. Do not feel you have to enter a frenetic routine in preparation for this health farm: we sat on chairs and rotated our ankles.

DURING the rest of the weekend I surrendered to saunas and melted beneath massages and aromatherapy baths for pregnancy (for my three-month condition). However, of all the activities on offer, it was a woodland walk in sun and showers that proved the weekend's highlight. You need it after the hours of hushed respect for the honing and toning of healthy people.

If the routine can appear monochrome, mealtimes add colour. Generous side plates are used for main courses and a restraining calorie count is printed beside each dish but the food is very good: fresh (Champneys has a kitchen





Expensive and self-indulgent, the Champneys' regime is likely to kickstart you into a healthier lifestyle

garden), well presented and interesting. Breakfast is dom-inated by fruit. lunch by vegetable salads, and our Saturday dinner, where guests replace their robes with jersey trouser suits or jackets and ties, was broccoli and mint soup (salt and pepper free), fillet of beef with wild mushrooms and polenta, and a cheese platter. You certainly leave Champneys lighter of weight and mood, sparkling eyed and looser-

benefits outweigh those gained from a weekend of 12mile walks is debatable. Also, considering its treatments for pregnant women, I was surprised by the limited avail-ability of proteins such as hard cheese, eggs and milk. However, a weekend here will certainly kickstart you into a healthier lifestyle you're bound to decide on a yoghurt and fruit breakfast

Sarah Harding

THE HUSBAND

head to toe in cold, thick Austrian mud, wrapped in rubber sheeting and submerged in a vibrating water trough may sound fetishistic to the uninitiated but, accordine to the therapists at Champneys, it's one of their most popular new treatments. It costs £37 and involves

several generous dollops of

imported organic mud which.

off afterwards. If, like me, you have a massage every ten years, and think nothing of washing

according to the guide, re-leases tensions while acting

Champneys will unnerve you. Preconceptions that health farms are associated with hardship and colonic irrigation fly out of the chintz-curtained windows the moment you glance at the services on offer.

You can warm up with Neuro Linguistic Program-ming (a detailed computerised dietary analysis"; I hour for £55) and a Body Composition Assessment (the latest technology to determine your lean body mass and fat percentage": £20.50) before progressing to Cathiodermie ("complete deep cleansing for all skin types": I hour 25 minutes for £47), and still have time for a sauna before lunch. I decided to break

as a diuretic and skin toner. myself in gently with a steam Colette, the charming woman bath and a game of squash. who had the unenviable task There were many things [of slapping it all on, is no loved about our weekend doubt an expert in her field, the massages, the sauna and but, after 45 minutes of lying plunge baths carefully monitored by the friendly and noin a mummified state, the only relief I could admit to nonsense Gary, the gourmet was being able to shower it all food, and our elegant bedroom overlooking acres of landscaped gardens. The pool was spotless, the water a

perfect temperature. There is

also no sense of emasculation.

Women barely outnumber men, who can have a manicure before attacking the full-

size snooker table.

But despite the treatments and the emphasis on relaxation, I found myself increasingly irritated by the expensive, self-indulgent regime. Another source of ten-sion was eating in dressing gowns, something I avoid at home. Having to eat breakfast and lunch surrounded by strangers with nothing on under their towelling robes except a gold Rolex and perfume is, for me, a more effective diet than any com-

puter-aided treatment. At 32, I'm probably too young, and perhaps even too fit, to have reaped all the benefits of Champneys, For as we pulled out of the Lexuslined driveway I couldn't help feeling just a hint of relief as we headed back to the unhealthy delights of London.

TIM WILLCOX

◆ The authors were guests of Champneys, Wigginton, Tring, Hertfordshire HP236HY deposit required). Weekend Champneys, a three-night break with all meals, daily massage and facial, is from E-98 per person (double occupancy), £558 (single). A two-night break (not weekends), Discovering Champneys, is from £330 per

Count the courses not the calories

forced to relax. I do not at all like the idea of stopping

eating and drinking. So I went to Chewton Glen, a swanky country house hotel in 70 acres between the New Forest and the south coast. The food is copious, the treatments divine and the hotel built so that the gardens seem to dance into the corridors where Barbours, yellowing OS maps, bowls of apples, and pairs of Wellington boots are archly arranged to create a

Bertie Wooster atmosphere. At one-ish a helicopter arrives. Guests step out and stroll to the dining room. They

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weight, having beauty shire and my friend has her treatments and being eye on the young man. He is eye on the young man. He is delicious; but we are here to become beautiful, not to pursue men in helicopters.

And anyway the manager of Chewton Glen, Peter Crome (a former Savoy manager), is a Stephen Fry lookalike and he is joining us for dinner, which is a cheering thought as we swim our 18th length of the picturesque pool (with vast windows and a sky-painted ceiling so that even backstroke is tolerable).

We decide that 20 lengths should allow us to ease into the svelte frocks hanging in our three-acre wardrobes. That, and a stint in the steam room. It is far too hot. I panic and heave at the door. I am locked in. I am about to expire, James Bond style, when an American looms out of the mist at the far (far hotter) end of the steam room and points out that we should push, not pull the door.

At the health spa my friend buys a pair of fabulous orange shorts, which emphasise the fact that she has legs up to her armpits, and then heads for the gym. An instructor puts her on a step machine and leaves her there for 20 minutes sweating over statistics about how many calories she is burning. Roughly a KitKat's worth by the end, so she won't

be trying that again. Still wearing The Shorts she suggests a walk. We cover miles of the 70-acre landscaped park with streams and trees and bluebells and find a door in the wall which takes us down a so-called bunny (gully with a stream to you and me and very pretty too) and, ten minutes later, we are saunter-



Chewton Glen has a pool, gym and tennis courts, but visitors planning a health-orientated stay may find unbearable temptations in the form of calorie-laden food

ng beside the sea. The Isle of Wight is in the distance, there is ghastly architecture along the shore, and the siren call of Chewton Glen's restaurant. We have eaten practically nothing apart from the odd cottage pie since breakfast in bed: muesli mix, Danish pastries and pain au chocolat. We canter back to the restaurant.

tephen Fry is waiting, twitching his cuffs in rather the same way as the Prince of Wales. He is a new boy compared with some of the staff who have worked at Chewton Glen since Martin and Brigitte Skan took it over, a leakyroofed eight-bed coaching inn, 22 years ago. They love the place and so make it lovely for their guests.

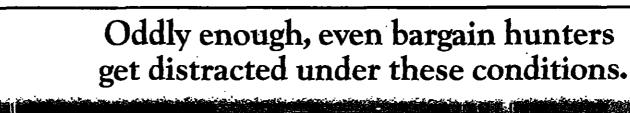
Asparagus arrives delirious with butter; huge, sauce-smothered scallops follow. The finale is a vast creme brulee, and a cheese trolley so huge it has to be hauled across the dining room by a team of serving staff. Dream on all you health farms, this is the way to wind up a hard day in

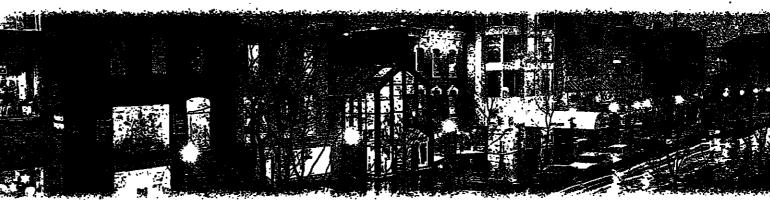
A rock-world couple add glamour to a table by the windows overlooking the gardens and, in the centre, a party of immaculately-groomed Americans. One is the head of a large conglomerate but we don't stare one bit.

We don't even ask questions when the hotel begins to swarm with security personnel as we leave in the morning. The whole of this 54-room hotel is being taken over for a couple of days. Stephen Fry refuses to divulge who is coming. He shoots his cuffs. unflustered to the last.

JANE OWEN

■ The author was a guest of Hamashire BH25 6OS (01425 275341). Double rooms including breakfast and table d'hôte from EZ83 per person. Price includes unlimited use of pool, gym. saun



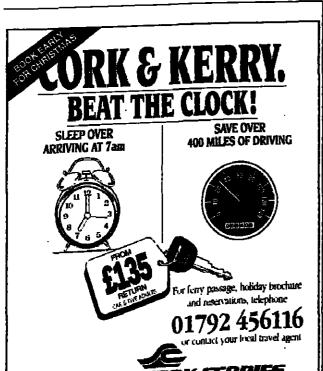


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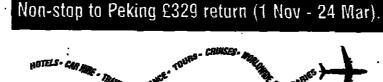
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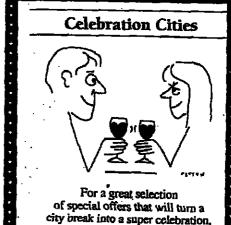
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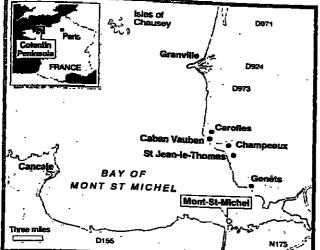


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sat on a wall gazing out to sea, a baguette in one hand and a wedge of Camembert in the other. My wife Kate was at my side, eight-week-old Adam lay at our feet, the sun was shining and I felt as if I were in heaven.

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ket.

Sheep grazed and geese cackled on the salt marshes between us and the sea. Behind them, four miles away, was the 11th-century abbey of Mont St Michel, silhouetted in the haze on its island fortress as the tides closed in. I sat entranced, as meadows flooded and mudflats turned to sea, and the question kept returning to my mind: how

did it get there? How did the builders, inspired by faith, erect such a monument on this isolated rock. when every lump of granite had to be gerous quicksands. which were engulfed twice daily

carried across danby the tides? It is as near as you can get to a miracle. This was our

Adam and we were determined not to let his arrival stop us walking - he was happy to be carried in a buby sling close to our chests. We were on the GF (Grande Randonnee) 223, on the west coast of Normandy's Cotentin peninsula. The full walk is more than 150 miles, from the fishing port of Barfleur to Mont St Michel, but we were concentrating on a short stretch south of Granville, in the area known as La Baie, the bay of Mont St Michel, domi-

nated by the abbey. We started out from Carolles, a popular summer resort but pleasantly deserted in October, and headed for the Vallée du Lude. This forest valley, where Azorean iris and Himalayan balsam thrive in a rare subtropical microclimate. is said to have been carved out by a sword thrust from St a dramatic spectacle.

Michael in his battle with Satan. This is the same St Michael who appeared to the Bishop of Avranches in the 8th century, thrusting a finger into his head to tell him that he was to build a chapel on Mont Tombe.

The path soon reached the Caban Vauban, a 17th-century lookout with views to Brittany and the Isles of Chausey, even

to Jersey on a good day.

Another mile of scrambling along rocky cliffs brought us back on to the road at Champeaux and a beauty spot known as Les Falaises, where the cliffs are carpeted with gorse and wild cherry in spring. The local tourist board

claims this is "the prettiest kilometre in France", and it was hard to disagree as we looked out over the expanse of silvery sand flats glistening in the sun at low tide. It's not a bad

rocky kilometre for gourmets, either, with cliffs 🤊 three restaurants tomers and sea views. At the Marquise de Tombelaine I chose the menu

du terroir of Norman specialities - ovsters cooked in cream, warm Camembert, and Calvados mousse. From Champeaux the path

turns inland to St Jean-le-Thomas before returning to the shore to follow the sand dunes to Genéts. This small village is the

centre of the Mont St Michel pilgrimage industry, with daily barefoot walks across the sand in summer and mass crossings in July. Whatever you do, do not try crossing without a guide; too many others have failed. The tides in the bay are the highest in Europe; at full and new moon they advance ten miles at a vard a second, crashing against the abbey ramparts in

here from Siberia each October. Wigeon and mallard come, too, attracted by the plants, rich in salt and iodine, grow on marshes washed daily by the sea.

The local pré salé lamb, fed on wild samphire, is known throughout France and is best grilled without further seasoning. Oysters and mussels thrive, too, and are gathered from the mud at low tide.

So what about Mont St Michel itself? After two days of coastal walks and seeing it from afar, we wanted a closer look, but we chose a day when all of France was on strike, and weary tourists were trudging up the abbey steps only to find a "closed" notice pinned to

the door. We settled for an omelette at Mere Poulard's, cooked in a copper pan over an open fire, and paid more than £10 each

As the tourist season ends, for the privilege. The walls the winter pilgrims arrive — were adorned with autoguished visitors — Leon Trotsky sat provocatively above Margaret Thatcher, Maurice Chevalier rubbed shoulders with Ernest Hem-

ingway. Next time I'll stick to walking, and see Mont St Michel at its best - across the sand, without tourists or shops or overpriced restaurants. After all, the tides still go in and out even when there's a strike.

TONY KELLY

• The walk is covered on the IGN Serie Bleue map 1215 est, available in local newsagents and bookshops

• Restaurants: Marquise de Tombelaine, Champeaux (3: 94). Menu du terroir, Fr150 about £30); other menus from Fr98-Fr350.

• For further details call Mont St Michel tourist board on 33 60 14 30 or France Information on 0891 244123

At low tide, the island fortress of Mont St Michel, with its imposing abbey, can be reached on foot — but only with a guide

Talk of the tearooms

A it becomes unpermeted to have a good salon de the mapped into your route across Paris. Once oddities, tea shops are now available in every arrondissement, from the traditional ones started last century to the newest and hippest in the Marais.
If, after a long, cold walk,

you wish to sink into a squashy armchair and a perfect tarne Tatin (carmelised apple tart), the tearoom is the only sensible sol-

ution. My favourite is Ladurée by the Madeline, convenient women who dedicate their lives to shopping in the Rue du Faubourg St Honore. The green-and-goldcanopied shop opened in 1862, and inside it looks as if it has not been painted

since: the ceilings abound with badly executed cupids and the walls are mirrored and gilded to the nines. The clientele is gilded, too: no earring is too small here, no bag clasp too shiny, no shoe is without its Gucci snaffle. Women of a certain age lunch here and scoff enormous pastries without a gold button popping.

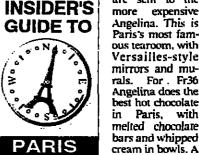
The waitresses are properly dressed with frilly pinnies, and the service is friendly, because customers often have to change tables to cement social connections.

Outside, a crowd usually surrounds the windows, taking in what can only be described as a pornographic display. There is a full-size chocolate bust of Marie Antoinette, with meringues and roses for hair and a bustier of macaroons. Nearby are pastries, eclairs, tiny and giant tarts bursting with glazed fruit.

Ladurée is not cheap; that is the point. Tea at a marble-

Fr31 and Fr35 (about 54 to£4.50), depending on which exquisite variety you order. and comes with leaves in the silver pot and a matching silver hot water jug. A croissant is Fr7, pastries about Fr20. For a light lunch, the Fr51 tarte aux poireaux (lecks) with a green salad, is much favoured. The pastry flakes and melts.

the egg barely restrains chunks of buttery leek. The French favour Laduree. while the tourists are sent to the



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bars and whipped cream in bowls. A glass of water is supplied to calm the customer. However, sou-

venirs and the clientele make the place look like Tokyo or New York. Down in the Marais, there

has been an outbreak of newer teashops, satisfying in a different way. The most comforting is Les Enfants Gates on the Rue Francs-Bourgeois. It has old leather armchairs, wicker Lloyd Looms, yellowed walls and slices of tarte Tatin at Fr40 which could easily serve an entire family. Warm, the apples repose stickily by a pile of crème frdiche.

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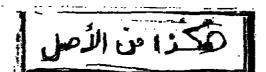
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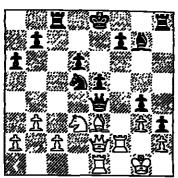
THE LATE summer months have seen a rich haul of chess tournaments, with elite competitions in Amsterdam, London and Geneva. Now the chess Olympiad itself is in progress in Erevan, Armenia, and England has been seeded second, Meanwhile, two games pub-

lished in my daily column over the past two weeks have caused intense debate. On September 9, 1 published

the game between Viswanathan Anand and Garry Kasparov which decided the £20,000 first prize in the Credit Suisse Speed Chess tournament in Geneva. The following position was reached after White's 33rd move in a Sicilian Defence.

White: Anand: Black: Kasparov Geneva, August 1996

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In this position Black's aggressive play has not only undermined White's king's flank, but also brought him two extra pawns. After the correct sequence, 33 ... Nxe3 34 Qxe3 Qxe3 35 Rxe3, White could have resigned with a clear conscience, and Kasparov would have walked off with the \$30,000.

Instead, to the amazement of spectators and commentators alike. Kasparov reversed the order of his capture and allowed a diabolical counter-attack.

33 . . . Qxe3?? 34 Qxg4. Suddenly, roles are reversed. True, Black is a piece ahead, but his queen, queen's rook and bishop are all under attack. Black has no choice but to iettison material.

36 Oxh3 38 Oxb7

Black's position had been so strong that he retains some residual counterplay. Nevertheless, with accurate play White's extra material should carry the day.

39 Kg2 Rc3 41 Nc4 d5 43 Kh3 f5 45 Oe6+ Kh7 40 Nb2 42 Nd6 44 Qd7 46 Nf7

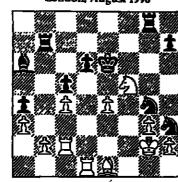
Then, vainly attempting to stoke up the embers of his dying attack, 46 Rxf7 47 Qxf7. Speculating on the boxed-in situation of White's king. Kasparov plays 47 ... Rc6, but a few precise moves easily banish the vestiges of his onslaught.

52 Kg3 54 Rg4

Black resigns Despite a fierce rearguard action, Black has finally been nailed down.

The next position to stir up controversy came when the former world champion Boris Spassky resigned in his game in the Foxtroi tournament, in London's Park Lane, against the Swedish female grandmaster. Pia Cramling.

White: Cramling: Black: Spassky London, August 1996



Black is a piece up but two pawns down. In addition White threatens both Kxh3 and Rxd6+. Spassky chose this moment to resign. But what if he had played 1 . . . Nf4+ instead of giving up? If now 2 gxf4 Ne3++ 3 Kf3 Nxd1, when Black has an extra rook. The answer is that after 1 . . . Nf4+, White simply sidesteps with 2 Khl, when Black has no good defence to the twin threats of gxf4 and Rxd6+.

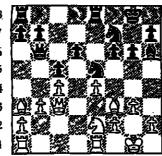
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene This position is from the game Yepishin - Kveinys, Vienna 1996. this innocent looking middlegame position Black spotted a clever tactic which termi-What did he play? Black to play.

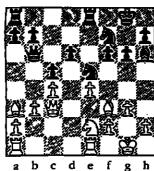
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Last week's solution: 1 Od5+

Wiltshire.



Last week's winners: A Titcomb, Bodmin. Cornwall; T J R Hill, Moortown, Leeds; C Collier, Box,



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard
LARRUP a. The scabious

b. A young horse c. To beat

MORMYRUS b. Greek God of laughter

c. Gossip MORMAOR

a. A pikeman b. An Indian language c. A steward

LARON a. A robber b. The Tibetan harp c. A nasal diacritic

Answers on page 20

BRIDGE

by Robert Sheehan

CHIP MARTEL and Lew Stansby produced a fine defence on today's hand, from the final of the Ameri-can Grand National Teams (a knockout event similar to the British Gold Cup). This was the auction, with South the dealer:

3H(1) All Pa 2250 As West, Stansby led the king of hearts and this is what he saw:

⊕J54 ♦KQJ732 **⊕KQ2 ±** 10 7 ¥KQ10764 W **♦** A 8 5

The king of hearts held the first trick, with East playing the eight and South the five. What should West do at trick two? One possibility was to lead a spade, hoping East had the king-queen. However South could not have an opening bid without at least the ace-queen. How about trying to give East a diamond ruff? Not possible — with a singleton diamond East would have overtaken the first heart and played a diamond himself.

So Stansby found the best continuation, another heart. By forcing dummy to ruff he hoped to make it difficult for declarer to be able to make use of dummy's diamonds. Stansby had got the defence off on the right foot. But the defenders still had to be alert. The full deal is at the top of the next column.

#J54 ₩9 **♦KQJ732** ∳KQ2 N **₽**K983 **+107** W E TAJ82 ¥KQ10764 +1084 S +AQ62 ₹53 **♣**A109765

Contract: Five Clubs by South. Lead king of hearts

At trick two, declarer ruffed the heart continuation in dummy and played the king of diamonds. West won and returned a diamond. Declarer won in dummy and played the king of clubs, on which West false-carded with the jack.
South next played the jack of

diamonds and discarded a second spade. Now he was at the crossroads; if trumps were 2-2 he could succeed by simply drawing the trumps. Or he could take the spade finesse — which on the auction was likely to fail. But he chose the most elegant line - playing for East to hold the two remaining trumps. He played a fourth diamond from dummy, intending to overruff when East ruffed. Then he could cross back to dummy with the queen of clubs to draw the last trump, and cash another diamond.

On the fourth diamond East (Martel) carefully discarded (ruffing would have exposed the position) and declarer triumphantly discarded his queen of spades. He was brought back down to earth when Stansby producing a small trump that he was not supposed to have, to take the contract one down.

COMPUTER GAMES AND PASTIMES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to actor Larry Hagman who today, at 65, officially becomes an OAP. Playing the merciless oil baron in Dallas made him made the biggest soap star in Hollywood - and a decade ago the entire world seemed to be uttering that immortal whodunit line, "Who

shot J.R.?". In The Elk Moon Murder, the question is "Who killed 'er?", though it's a riddle that will probably remain unanswered by most since it is a mediocre thriller

charged with insufficient tension. Horror sweeps Santa Fé as news of a brutal murder hits the streets. As is customary in such capers, you play the rookie detective. After a briefing you set off to solve the murder, clicking your way across a map of the town interviewing witnesses, following hunches, sending items off to the labs for forensic analysis and endeavouring to home in on suspects.

Interviews are conducted as onesided video sequences, delivered with all the panache of Crossroads shot with a single camera. Your questions are selected from pop-up menus though the answers invariably ramble on as they prop-up red herrings in the storyline. Though clinically pleasant to play, thrills

are thin on the ground and the many encounters become chores not challenges - despite the best efforts of a cast headed by Amanda Donohoe.

The Elk Moor Murder comes on double CD-Rom accommodating Mac, Dos and Windows 95. It is the first in a series of whodunits marketed under the Santa Fé Mysteries banner, the next will be Sacred Ground. The real mystery is how Activision came up with something so run-of-the-mill given earlier triumphs, such as the quirky Paparazzi Tales Tinseltown and its sleek

Spycraft — The Great Game. A similar double-disc game with obvious breathing difficulties is The Dame Was Loaded, from Philips. Played out with brassy low-resolution video images and set in 1940s

America, you are the backstreet private eye hired to track down a seemingly clean-living chap who has vanished, perhaps even been bumped off. Holding up the pace in this title are too many dire characterisations by actors with delivery so lacklustre they would have even murdered parts in

by Tim Wapshott



Murder, and plenty of it, is the theme

Crossroads. Murder and plenty of it is the main theme of Capcom's current PlayStation bestseller Resident Evil. Digitised square-shaped chunks of gore hit the floor as you head a team in pursuit of human-hating grizzlies. This is the game which surprisingly knocked Software's Quake from the coveted top spot in the games charts a few weeks ago, apparently because

Quake stocks temporarily ran out, though the gameplay barely matches the quality graphics and atmospheric video sequences. This is parteverything in its path.

Killer, from Cambrix on Windows CD-Rom. This is a dark reference title, set to a menacing score, delving into the bleak worlds of massmurderers. Jack the Ripper is listed, so are Ted Bundy and Peter Sutcliffe, but not

ening enough to get you thoroughly downhearted.

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tion is midnight on Wednesday, October 2. The judges' verdict is final and they will not enter into additional correspondence.

Television has brought back murder into the home - where it belongs." Alfred Hitchcock, Observer interview (1965).

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No 893

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- 12 An alarm; sounds like poison (6)
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The winner is Brian Wimsert of Dover. The two runners up are Robert Bridges of London and Niall MacSweeney of Dublin.

and East involved) (5)

(b) Led poorly - was it old age? (3)

should not open diamonds first (6) Trick 3 (West)

leaves a club lead key to upset (5)

(b) North open? Having ace knave. East doubled (4) (c) Club king follows on different

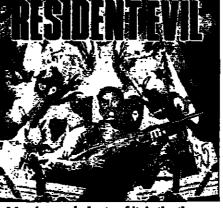
upsetting! (6) Trick 5 (West)

(a) Having no diamonds, I show clubs with force (4)

(d) Talk round the table about king neat one from East (4) Trick 6 (East)

prayer? (4.3) (c) About maximum, I hear, having at least 30 points in one's hand (7)

Trick 7 (West) (a) He irritates, playing cards, he does! (6)



to Capcom's bestseller Resident Evil

ly because of the awkward over-the-shoulder angles of the action. Reminiscent of Infogrames' Alone in the Dark series, your animated character walks in straight lines yet spins over-zealously and bumps clumsily into Evil seems too good a word for those you meet in Mind of

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THE STATE OF THE S No 3376: Grand Slam by Phil Brindall

THIS PUZZLE represents a remark-Trick 2 (West) able hand of Bridge in which East and West bid and make a Grand Slam this (5) (winning all 13 tricks) with clubs as trumps. The bidding makes it clear that South has an exceptionally strong hand, and he bids a Small Slam (12 tricks) in spades. West not confident of defeating this contract (it is, in fact, possible to do so), makes a sacrifice bid

when his partner (dummy) put his hand on the table, he realises that it is possible to make it. Solvers can discover how it is done and which cards each player has. The diagram represents the table and the 52 clues represent the 52 cards in the order in which they are played. In each trick, except the first, the first card or lead is played by the winner of the previous trick, and the other three follow in clockwise order. The clues are normal (though punctuation may mislead), but to each answer the letter S.H.D or C must be added to show if it represents a spade, heart, diamond or club. To 16 answers A, K. Q or J must also be added (ace, king, queen or jack). Added letters may come at the beginning, anywhere in the middle, or at the end of an answer, though in fact only 4(a) has an added letter at the end. No square contains a letter that is added for both

of a Grand Slam in clubs. However,

table (ie West's are entered left to right, East's right to left, North's down, and South's up). At each trick the player with the lead is indicated. At trick I North leads the 10 of spades. Trick 1 (North)
(a) Double clubs holding jack nothing?

the across and the down clue. Answers

are entered from the player's side of the

(c) Opening with heart lead from (d) Dares to finesse - North gets

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(a) Queen East discarded - a blow.

(c) Some trap he set to get one worried! (5) (d) Get confused - one bidding

(a) South, having poor clubs, returning a spade, making this noises?

(b) Airs a discontinued practice when holding ace (5)
(c) Got higher ace? Red one? (5) (d) One from West not dropping

(a) Euphoria. having the best card (4)

tables (7) (d) Again puts down rest on table -

(b) West discarding last three clubs first — kind of fly? (6) (c) Taking trick, keep finessing (lacking kings) (7)

(a) Hearts long. old beast! (4) (b) Ted set up suit - return for

(d) No trump opening negative? (3)

Solution to No 3373: MA by Law king (hó), pawn (cf) and queen (c3) (Colours are given by appropriate letters in relevant clues, e.g. fourth letter of clue 7D to W. since

(b) Follow suit? Another spade? Got no spades or diamonds! (3)

(c) Tried to make better cut (South

(d) Play king in competition? (Explain! (5.2) Trick 8 (East) (a) Did she wise one up with a neat hearts trick? (6)

minor consideration (2-3) Did East hide his thoughts? (5) East doubled with king? That's weird! (5)

(b) Extra diamonds North held a

Trick 9 (West) (a) Gladden declarer, revealing extra quantity (6) (b) Being a retiring type, conceals

clubs (7)

(c) East getting tricky heart right away! It was easy! (5) (d) Welcome clubs here (3) Trick 10 (East)

(a) Extra quantity concealed? It's

transparent! (4) (b) Pass from North — East's turn a hearts recall (5) (c) Heavens above! Risky about diamonds (king missing) after Mary's lead (3-3)

(d) Preliminary survey has clubs twice taken by ruff, partner (5) Trick II (West) (a) Covers suits, holding queen (7)

(b) Backing of North's great — for one who's old and dul!! (5) (c) With ace knave in hearts, one who goes to great lengths to show faith in East (4) (d) States taste for redeal (5)

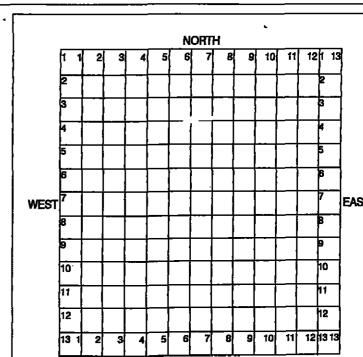
Trick 12 (West) (a) Open with a knave and a king (4) (b) Carelessly part with 10 (clubs) one could be in a jam! (7) (c) Hearts followed by a club return

(d) Henry follows are with are what a surprise! (3) Trick 13 (West)

(a) Get a flier? Put up high one

nearly led - could be unpopular

(knave) (7) (b) Marks discards - twice diamonds I throw away (5) (c) Previously hurt East, trapped by top two diamonds (4)



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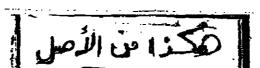
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women increasing and more marriages ending in divorce, research shows that at least half of women in the UK will suffer financial hardship in retirement. Women & Pensions, from the TSB, offers guidance on what women can do to build up their own pensions. For a copy, tele-phone 0645 758700. Meanwhile, both men and women changing their jobs should be considering whether or not to take their pension with them. Time for the Future, from Clerical Medical, is a step-bystep guide to pension transfers. Telephone 0800 293030.

The Scotch Whisky Association is warning investors not to rush into putting money into casks of maturing Scotch whisky. Unwary investors have found that the purchase price is considerably higher than the value placed on the whisky for insurance purposes or that the appreciation in the value of the investment has been exaggerated by pro-moters. A leaflet from the association, Personal Investment In Scotch Whisky, sets out points which investors should consider before buying casks. Telephone 0131 229 4383 or 017I 629 4384.

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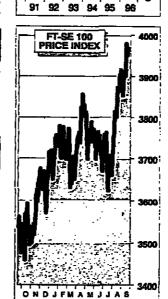
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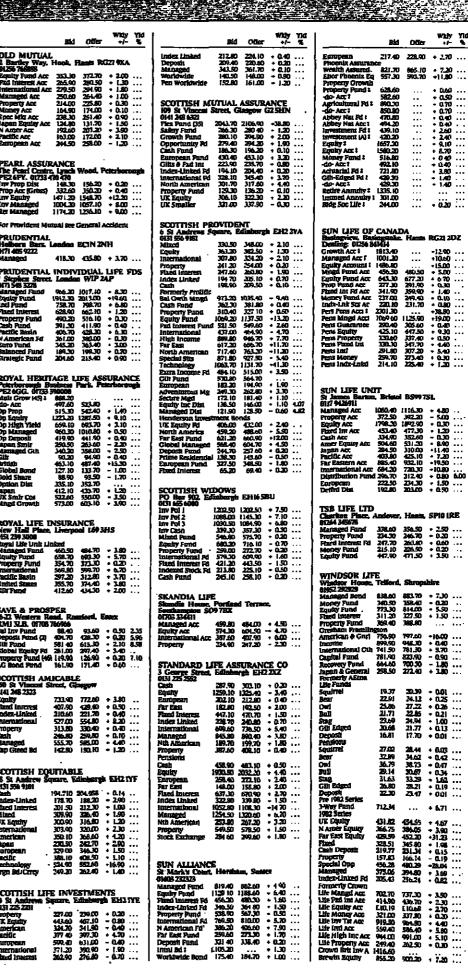
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Coastal Bluff can show way in cavalry charge

RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE masochistic streak within most punters which attracts them to big handicap fields like moths to a flame will flourish today with two sprinting cavalry charges at Ayr. However, salvation is at hand as backers try to solve the 29runner Ladbroke Ayr Gold and Silver Cups.

For once, the form book is only of limited assistance. Of far more importance is where horses are drawn at the Scottish racecourse. If the evidence of the past 48 hours is an accurate guide, at least half the runners in each race those drawn in the middle or towards the far rail — may as

well stay in their boxes. The high draw bias also happens to coincide with most of the fancied horses in the Ayr Gold Cup having gained a favoured berth. The sponsors are certainly taking no risk and, as Mike Dillon priced up

Europe's richest sprint handicap yesterday, he was most concerned with the runners' stall number. Punters should follow suit.

It will be a surprise if the winner does not come from a group comprising Mr Bergerac, Golden Pound, For The

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Nap: Mentalasanythin (4.45 Ayr) Next best: Double Bluff (4.15 Ayr)

Present, Samwar, Don't Care, Selhurstpark Flyer. Prince Ba-bar. Double Splendour, Emerging Market and Coast-al Bluff. Of those, two make particular appeal.

Double Splendour has improved with age and a quick glance at his form over the past two years confirms Paul Felgate's six-year-old is admirace. The gelding's six vic-tories, achieved on flat, straight tracks, have been achieved in fields with an average of 20 runners. He looks a banker for the frame.

However, future events may prove that Coastal Bluff is masquerading here under false pretences. I believe David Barron's progressive four-year-old has the potential to succeed in group company and, after doing this column a favour by landing the Stewards' Cup, he deserves

Since recovering from a slight setback after his Goodwood success, Coastal Bluff's home work has been of the highest order and Barron is not too concerned about the fast ground.

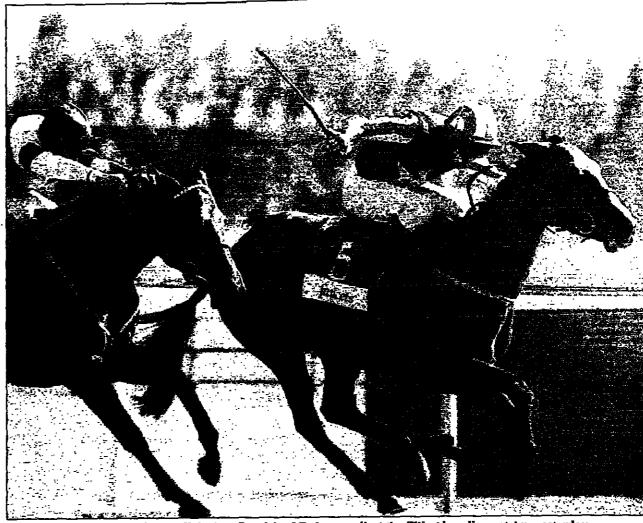
In Newbury's feature race, the Bonusprint Mill Reef Stakes, the progressive Indian Rocket will have his supporters after winning impressively at Ripon. However, that suc-

and John Dunlop's runner does not have a good draw. Andreyev overcame a three-

month absence when pulverising the opposition at Chester three weeks ago and is clearly improving. He will pose a stern test to Seebe, the Ian **Balding-trained Princess** Margaret Stakes winner. She was far from disgraced when, conceding weight, she finished third behind Bianca Nera and Arethusa (both won since) in the Lowther Stakes at York. Away from the gaze of the television cameras, Derek

Haydn Jones complicates matters by sending out two runners in the Ayr finale (5.15). King Curan trotted up at Hamilton recently but may find it harder to dominate here and Natural Key looks ready for the step up in trip after also winning at Hamilton.

Maurice Camacho's Tessa joe just failed to beat Far Ahead at Thirsk and can oblige at Catterick (3.50).



Rebel County fends off the late flourish of Daira to collect the fillies' handicap at Ayr yesterday

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Midyan Blue offers value

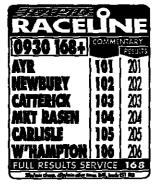
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2.10: Red Carnival is the form choice judged on placed efforts last year but she could be vulnerable over this trip. Phantom Quest is not the easiest horse to win with and needs exaggerated waiting tactics, but his second to Centre Stalls last time reads particularly well.

2.40: Trojan Risk has progressed this term and ran well behind Oops Pettie at Doncaster after a lengthy lay-off. Provided Geoff Lewis's runner avoids a tendency to be slowly away, he should go close. Clan Ben, Edan Heights and Di-minutive have bits of form which give them a winning chance, while Game Ploy bounced back to form at Chepstow.

3.10: In a trappy race, Midyan Blue should offer each-way value against Ballynakelly. who is seeking his eighth consecutive victory. The selection ran particularly well behind Jiyush at York last time and the winner advertised the form when trotting up at Yarmouth on Inursuay, General Macarthur should appreciate this trip, but Whitechapel would like softer ground.

3.40: see above. AYR **CHANNEL 4** 3.05: Brecongill Lad is the





TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

form choice but is poorly drawn, along with Stuffed. Bee Health Boy has the draw. but is better with some cut in the ground. Thwaab, twice a course and distance winner this summer, holds claims together with Cretan Gift, who won his first race on turf at Nottingham. Keston Pond, last year's winner, may be better over further now. The well-drawn Indian Relative loves to hear her feet rattle and has improved. She ran her best race behind Clan Chief

last time. 3.35: Key To My Heart is the strict form choice and this represents a drop in class after decent efforts in group company. However, the trip is the bare minimum and, with Jason Weaver likely to set the pace, the race could be teed up

for a horse with a turn of foot. Desert Shot has conditions, strong pace and fast ground in his favour but appears to have lost some of his sparkle and Behaviour is preferred. His last run on easy ground can be ignored and his earlier form reads well.

4.15: see above.

4.45: Mentalasanythin is running over his best trip and ran a cracker at Doncaster last Saturday over an inadequate distance. Today's extra three furlongs can see him oblige off the same handicap mark. Durham has benefited from a change of stable and ran his best race for a long time when winning at Kempton.

RICHARD EVANS

THUNDERER 3.35 Desert Shot 4.15 For The Present 1,56 Double Flight 2.25 Burkes Manor 4.45 Deano's Beano 3.05 Keston Pond GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST TOTE JACKPOT MEETING 1.55 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND TOP FLIGHT LEISURE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,347: 1m) (4 numbers) T Williams — K Fallion — toston 8-9 J Wigawer 🔀 BETTING: 6-4 Jackson Falls, 7-4 Double Flight, 5-2 Lawn Lothano. 16-1 Macileno 1995; LADYKIRK 8-9 N Computer (25-1) J Wats 11 ran

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A Day (5)	95	DISE (8th better off) 11 15th, EMERGING MARKET PRESENT (7th better) head 6th, SIR JOEY (7th
A McGlone	96	(13th better off) short-bend 16sh, Selhfurstpark better) 1141 Str., SEA-DEER (7th better) 141 12sh Plyter (14th, better off) neck 17th, For The and Tiler (7th, better) 3141 16th, Hawa Al
e, La Petite Fi	-	PRESENT (12to better of) 29(1 23rd and HARD TO NASAMAAT beat TRLER (4to better) 29(1 in rating
		FIGURE (21th better off) 11/1 25th, WiLDWOOD related stakes at Goodwood (61, good to firm).
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3.35 STAKIS CASINOS DOONSIDE CUP (Listed race: £12,244: 1m 2t 192yd) (7 numers)

4.15 LADBROKE (AYR) GOLD CUP

(Handicap: £51,630: 6f) (29 runners)

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GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) D-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CO.BF.F.G.S) (Mrs. D. Robinson) B Hab 9-10-0 . B West (4) & Pasceard number. Draw in brachets. Six-liquing term (F.— fell., F.— pulled up. 17.— unresided ness. 8.— strugels down. 5.— struged up. R.— refused. D.— disqualitied). Horse's came. Days since last casting. J il parage, F il Mst. (8.— blotters. V.— usco. H.— bhoot. E.— Eyeshield.

S - soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets 4.45 JOHNNIE WALKER WHISKY HANDICAP

(£6.264: 1m 5f 13yd) (11 rumers) (20, CO4. IIII of 13/U) (11 turnes)

601 (11) 3/20205. SHOMARA'S WAY 173J (6,5) (A Eudrie) P Mortello 5-10-D __ J Brantiu (7) 80

602 (10) 323131 FAR AHEAD 14 (F.G.S) (Surgal Postoes) J Eyre 4-9-12. ______ R Lapple 95

603 (8) 330206 OEANG'S BEENO 10 (F) (P Dean) M Jobreston 4-9-1 ______ I Weater (8)

604 (2) 022140 MENTALASANYTHOL 2 (C.D.F.B.S) (J (T) Dean (N Dean 10 North Jones 7-8-13 A Mackay 96

605 (6) 025512 FLATTINE LINE 2 (F.B.S) (I Clone) E Alston 6-8-11 _____ K Falling 95

606 (6) 215226 COIS NA FARRAGE 81 (F) (T Frinch) Mess L Perret 3-8-9 _____ J Canoll -
607 (3) 234121 DURHAMI 15 (B.F.G) (The Source Partnersho) M Horne 5-9-3 ... S Whithworth 95

608 (9) 20155-D MARCHANT MRRG 21 (F) (R Roper) M Harmond 4-8-1 _____ F Fessey (5) 90

609 (5) 340400 HAND OF STRAW 9 (V.G) (Mis A Sons) P Murphy 4-7-10. _____ T Williams 93

600 (7) 408045 EJA MAN HOMA 22 (B.D.F.G) (The Ports Chab) A Bailey 5-7-10 O Weight (3) 91

601 (7) 408045 EJA MAN HOMA 22 (B.D.F.G.S) (Mors J M-Alumay) O Weigh 5-7-10 (Swed (7) 89 Long handicap: Hand Ol Straw 7-9, Eta Man Howa 7-4, Lord Advocate 7-3.

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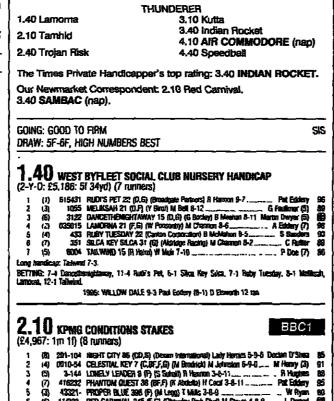
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5.15 SPH PROPERTY SEARCH HANDICAP (£6,420: 71) (12 numbers) Long trandicap: Murray's Mazda 7-5, Miss Pigalle 8-8

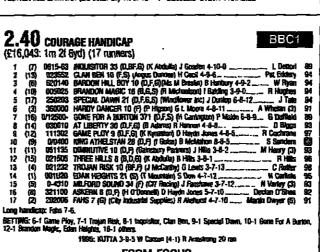
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Geoff Wragg sends a dual challenge to France this weekend. with Beneficial (Michael Hills) running in today's group three La Coupe de Maisons-Laffitte over ten furlongs, which is also the target of Clive Brittain's Musetta (Brett Doyle). Tomorrow, Wragg's Sasuru (Hills) bids to follow up his Prix Guillaume d'Ornano win at Deauville in the group three Prix du Prince d'Orange over 14 miles at Longchamp.

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2.10 KPMG CONDITIONS STAN (£4,967: 1m 1f) (8 runners)	BBC1						
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	8 (2) 6213-40 TRIA KEMATA 37 (V.S.) (Hessnerds Stud) J Dunico 3-8-9						
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3.10 TOTE BOOKMAKERS AUTUMN CUP

BBC1 (Handicap: £14,720: 1m 5f 61yd) (13 runners)

1995: WHITECHAPEL 7-9-0 O Harrison (12-1) Lord Hustingdon 23 ran FORM FOCUS ERAL MACARTHUR SHI 4th of 11 to Arabian Story in bandicap at York (1to 41, good), MEDYAM BLUE 3d 2nd of 19 to dijests an handicap at York (1to 41, good), BOMEN OVER 6th, 4th of 11 to Oops Politie in rating related stakes at Donassier (1to 21 6byd, good).
Selection: MEDYAM BLUE Horn (in 2), good to soil).

REMAACH SUN 11% Sin of 12 to Cache in handi-cao at Haydock (fin 4), good to firm) with WHITE-CHAPEL (3th warse oil) 6% 8th.

BALLYMAKELLY Deal Junet 11% in 9-namer handicao at Sandown (fin 6), good to firm). GEN-

BETTING: 2-1 Ballynakely, 4-1 Midyan Blue, 7-1 General Miscarthur, 8-1 Witherhapel, 10-1 Kusta, 12-1 Labinsi,

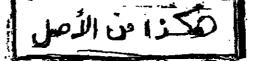
Luso, the Clive Brittain-trained colt, heads a powerful British challenge for the EMS Kurierpost Europa Preis over a mile and a half at Cologne tomorrow. Michael Kinane's mount had to be withdrawn after injuring himself on the plane. The group one race has also attracted Lord Huntingdon's Swiss Derby winner, Mongol Warrior (David Harrison), plus the Goodwood and Doncaster Cup-placed Lear White.

3.40 BONUSPRINT MILL (Group II: 2-Y-0: £33,085: 6f 8yo	REEF STAKES BBC	i e				
2 (2) 1 GENERAL SOME 1(3 (1) 21211 RUNAN ROCKET 3(4 (3) 210202 MASERATI MONK: 5 (4) 36390 MILLROY 6 (8) (6: 6 (8) 12422 DMALA CTY 22 (F 7 (11) 5556 OUT OF SIGHT 18 6 (7) 11140 PROUD NATIVE 31 9 (8) 21 VASART 136 (6) (4: 10 (10) 113 SERBE 30 (0.9F.F)	F.S) (J. Pakmer-Prown) R. Hammon 8-12					
BETTING: 5-2 Sambac, 100-30 Seebe, 9-2 / 1995: KAHIR ALMAY	5) (K Abdulia) H Ceal B-7 W Ryy Andreyev, 5-1 Indian Aochet, 7-1 Mazerati Moni 8-1 others YDAN B-12 W Caraco (2-1) J Dumlop 6 ran	an 94 :				
F	ORM FOCUS					
AMDREVEV best Close Relative 41 at Chester (61, good to sod). MIDIAN ROCKET best OMAHA CITY (13th worse off) 31 at Riporr (61, good to sod). PROLUD NATIVE 461 461 of 7 to Easycall in ground best Olympic Spirit 51 in 6-runner conditions race at Rectmond States at Goodwood (61, good to farm). Selection: Selection: Selection: Selection:						

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ı	1	(6)	111017	CONCER UN 22 (D.F.G.S) (Miss L. Ward) S Williams 4-10-0 J Tale	9
Į	2	(3)	OU 10-UU	API COMMODIFIE 9 (D.F.G) (W Proximite) 1) Afterior 5.0.7 Per Endere	04
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۱	5	(13)	UIQUOS	SUP JIU 20 (5) (J HOMAN) R Harronn 3.ALR C Continu	or or
ı	6	(8)	062500	DANEBOLD 9 (V.D.F.G.S) (Dreso Team) M Channon 4-8-7	9
Į	7	(2)	011422	MAZCOBAR 26 (D.BF.F.S) (A Schaft) P Makin 3-8-7. S Sanders	9
l	8	(10)	8/0200-5	ABSOLUTE MAGEC 21 (F.S) (NAS B Bassett) W Haggas 6-8-5 R HBs	9
	9	(16)	00-2233	EASY JET 84 (BP) (Crown Partners) Lord Hantington 4-8-5	93
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ľ	71	(15)	020066	BLAZE OF SONG 29 (V.D.G.S) (D Boocock) R Hamon 4-8-3 D Biggs	24
l	12	(14)	24-5224	BON LUCK 29 (J Ruggles) J Fassitare 4-8-1	90
ľ	13	ani	14/45-50	SHAMROCK FAIR 21 (F) (G Brenton) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-1 M Henry (3)	95
l	14	(5)	130005	COOL FIRE 14 (D.G) (D Sulthart) 5 Woods 3-7-11 Dectar O'Shea	90
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	15	(40	413180	ARTHUL DAME 8 (V.D.F) (S Lanstown Racing) M Heaton-Elis 4-7-10 N Carliste	88
			d Complete	SYLVAN PROVIDES 14 (O.BF.F.) (Canadol) C Allen 3-7-10 Martin Dayer (5)	36
	PEIN	- J	1 1227 161	6-1 Concer Un. 7-1 Absolute Magic, 8-1 Saltan, Stramwock Falt, 12-1 others	
			19	95: ALMONO ROCK 3-8-6 D Harrison (12-1) J Farchage 20 ran	
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4.	40	EBF HA	IRWELL MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,198: 6f) (2	4 (unners)
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4	(24)		ISLAND PRINCE (J. R. Lelsurg) N Callagram 9-0	J 1805
5	(9)	đ	KLONDIKE CHARGER 45 (Makoum Al Makoum) 8 HRs 9-0	·
6	(13)	•	Mit MALICA (C Metalia) & Median 9-0	II Hagines
7	(3)		MR PARADISE (G Archer) T Registron 9-0	M /800UC
8	(2)		MOJTASAWWAR (Harndan Al Makkoum) E Dunlop 9-0	S 200000E
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12	(18)		ROTOR MAK (Mrs. / Lee) J Bathell 9-0.	O Orbana
13	(22)	3	SHAPPEST (Lord Chebra) J Dunios 9-0.	W Wighten
16	(21)	nă.	SPEEDBALL 18 (J Smith) J Baking 9-0	 Pat Eddlery
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1995: SOVEREIGN'S CROWN 9-0 G Hind (4-1) J Gosden 25 ran



Carson's career put in jeopardy

THE final memories Willie Carson may have of his lengthy career may prove the most painful. Carson intimated before the Derby in June that he would retire at the end of the year but his season almost certainly ended prematurely yesterday, when he was violently kicked by a horse in the paddock at Newbury.

Five times the champion jockey, Carson, 53, suffered lacerations to his liver when Meshhed, an unraced twoyear-old trained by Ben Hanbury, whipped round and kicked him in the stornach. The injury was diagnosed on his arrival at North Hampshire Hospital in Basingstoke, where he will be detained for at least two weeks. His condition was last night described by staff at Basingstoke General Hospital as "stable".

Rumours of Carson's retirement have circulated the racing grapevine for the last three years. But the jockey, handsomely retained to ride the horses owned by Sheikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum, has reappeared every March to ride through the season. He said last year that the temptation to ride Alhaarth, the champion juvenile, in this season's classics was too pow-

erful to resist. Now he is faced with the same carrot: Skeihk Hamdan owns Bahhare, the favourite for next year's 2,000 Guineas. And Sarayir, a half-sister to Nashwan, one of Carson's favourite horses, displayed immense promise in winning her sole outing at Salisbury earlier this month.

The suspicion lingers that

GORDI can prove an able substitute for Vintage Crop in

today's Jefferson Smurfit Me-

morial Irish St Leger at the

Curragh and banish the mem-

ory of his poor effort in last Saturday's British equivalent

Our Irish Racing Corres-

Michael Kinane's mount

beat only one home at Don-

caster and his trainer, Dermot

Weld, said yesterday: "He

came back with cuts and

discuss Vintage Crop's future

with his owner, Michael

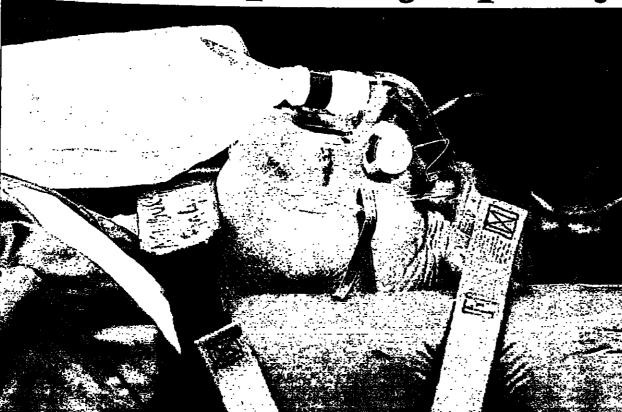
Smurfit, today. "Vintage Crop

is most likely to be retired, but

Weld also said that he will

bruises on his front legs."

pondent writes).



Carson is taken to hospital on a drip after sustaining liver damage at Newbury yesterday. Photograph: Julian Herbert

Carson himself does not know whether to put down his saddle for good. Having hinted strongly this season would be his last, he has spent the summer angrily rebutting the inevitable inquiries. There are also the requirements of Sheikh Hamdan to consider. With his huge investment in bloodstock, it is almost certain the sheikh would require Carson's commitment for the

In July, Carson was fortu-

ground in the Irish Oaks but

her trainer, John Oxx, said: "I

think she is better with cut in

nate to escape serious injury when his mount, Mubhij, broke a leg and fell heavily in a race at Newmarket. His judgment has also been called into question: in a race at Lingfield in May, he was suspended after prematurely easing his mount, Kamari, who was caught on the winning post. But Carson, who rode his first winner at Catterick 33 years ago, suffered a fractured skull when

suffered fractures to both forelegs, in a race at York in August 1981. He did not ride again until the following March. This latest injury is nothing like so serious, but Carson is likely to keep people guessing about his career intentions for some time to

The ugly incident marred an afternoon otherwise dominated by the victory of King Sound in the Haynes, Hanson & Clark Conditions Stakes

over a mile. This race has a rich history in identifying horses of classic potential and King Sound appealed strongly in that capacity when lowering the juvenile course record. A son of Caerleon, King Sound will be more seriously tested in the Racing Post Trophy. His trainer. John Gosden, underlined his liking for the horse when he said: "If I have a good middle-distance horse for next season, this is

falling from Silken Knot, who

be the good to firm ground. The Yorkshire Oaks winner, GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

There are four British hopes in the group one Aga a final decision won't be taken Khan Studs National Stakes until I discuss it with the with Sahm looking the best of them. However, this may go In Gordi's favour today will to Beautiful Fire.

BIG-RACE FIELDS AT THE CURRAGH

Gordi can recoup

Doncaster losses

3.50 JEFFERSON SMURFIT MEMORIAL IRISH ST LEGER (Group I: £85,800: 1m 6f) (9 runners)							
1	@ 011-641	BLUSTING FLAME 83 (F.G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute (GB) 5-9-8 J Reid					
2	(3) 622453	FILL THE BILL 11 (G.S.) (Mount Juliet Ltd.) A O'Brien 4-9-8 J Hefteroan					
3	(5) 331272	TM SUPPOSEN 11 (F,G,S) (A Brennan) K Premtergasi 4-9-8 W Supple					
4	(7) 43-2114	OSCAR SCHINDLER 56 (F,G,S) (O Letane) K Prendergast 4-9-8					
5	(8) 5-33122	POSIDORIAS 35 (G.5) (A Christodoulou) P Cole (GB) 4-9-8					
6	(9) 4-0311	SACRAMENT 14 (F.G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute (GB) 5-9-8 . W R Swindsom					
7	in 4P 5865	VIATICUM 110 (B.G.S) (S Kierran) N Meade 4-9-5 Joenna Morgan					
8	(4) 84110	GORDI 7 (F,G) (A Paulson) D Weld 3-8-12					
9	(1) 1-11231	KEY CHANGE 31 (G,S) (Lady Clague) J Oox 3-8-9 J Mortagh					
BETT	BETTING: 5-2 key Chango, 3-1 Oscar Schmiller, 4-1 Sacrament, 6-1 Gordt, Pochduras 10-1 others.						

4	.3	O THE	AGA KHAN STUDS NATIONAL STAKES C4
(G	roup	1 2-Y-C) colts and lillies: £112,600: 7f) (11 runners)
1	(4)	13	BEAUTIFUL FIRE 21 (G) (Moyglare Stud Farm) D Weld 9-0
2	m		DAYLIGHT IN DUBAL 83 (C) (F Sanit) P Chapple-Hyam (GB) 9-0 K Daitey
3	(2)	221	DESERT NING 24 (G) (M Tabor) A O'Brien 9-0 W R Swinburn
ā	(5)	1	FANTASTIC FELLOW 17 (G) (Thoroughbred Corp.) C Britism (GB) 9-0 M Roberts
6	(8)	i	JOHAN CRUMFF 63 (F) (Mrs. J. Magmer) A O'Brich 9-0 J. Marragh
6	(3)	211	MANIFOVANI 41 (6) (Mrs J Boker) J Bolota 9-0 K Manning
	(1)	3.1	REFERENDIAN 27 (G) (Highelese Racing Ltd) 6 Lewis (GB) 9-0
8	(6)	17D	SAHM 52 (G) (H A) Maktoum) J Durkov (GB) 9-0
ğ	an	- 5	STONEHAVEN 13 (R Sangster) T Stack 9-0 P Smaller
10		7117	VERGLAS 41 (F.G) (Mrs A O'HerRy) k Prendergast 9-0 W Supple
11	(10)	111643	AZRA 13 (B.F.G.S) (D Dobson) J Boiger 8-11
	121		Apply to (application to account

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

BETTING: 5-2 Mantovana 11-4 Verglas, 9-2 Daylight in Dubal, 6-1 Beauthul Fire, 7-1 Sahm, 8-1 others.

2.35 (Im 2ii 1 Rebei Courny (D Biggs, 15-2) 2, Dara (6-1), 3, Farrywings (5-1) Ground Game 6-4 lay 8 ran Hd, 2 A Belley Tote 129 60, 621 0, 216 0, 51 80 DF 1250 30 CSF 145 15 Tricast 1207 69 3.35 (6) 1, Queen Sceptre (K Fallon, 8-1); 2, Hoad Over Heets (9-2), 3, Miss Stamper (8-13 tax) 6 ran, 21, hd B Hills Total (11-40, 53-20, 52-30, DF (27-70, CSF, £39-37) 4.10 (Im) 1 Pride Of Pendle (Alex Greaves, 6-1) 2 Heavi-sley Hill (7-1) 3 Gave Me A Bring (10-1) 4 Nima (8-2 tax) 18 ran, 4 L. Polichiets Toto (6-30 £1 70, 62-90, 62-90, 62-10 DF £20-20 Trio £116-30 CSF £45-15 Tirezei £368-36

240 (7) 1 What Happened Was (D. Sweeney, 25-1), 2, Helowing (2-1); 3, Catienus (11-8 lev), 6 ren 7-1, 11 M Meade Tote \$14.00, \$250, \$2.10 DF \$29.20 CSF

E69 67
5.10 (2m 11)05/c0) 1 Good Hand (J Fortune, 7-1); 2 Shufey Sue (7-1); 3, Great Onation, 9-2) Rustinen Raider 3-1 (as. 11 ran. NR)-Dawadar 3, 3, 15 Fortinwell 10 fot £7.90; 12 do, 51.90, 12 do 0.05 £28 &) Trio £50 80 CSF £53 93 Triosal £230 10 After a stowards impury Unicle Doug, who trivished second, was discussible d and placed least. Jackpot: not won (pool of £15,586.75 carried lonward to Ayr Ioday).
Placepot: £100.80. Cuadpot: £39.00

Newbury

Going, good to lan 2 10 (7/64)vil 1. Bair Panadise (T Cunn. 6-1): 2 Jeffer, Anotherred (11-2 lav): 3. Safty Jeck. 16-11 10 ran. NS: Bapetord: 11-1, 11-1 P Cole. Tote: CT 10, CT 50, ET 30, 51 70. DF 517-20. 1mp 631: 10 CSF 535-78 Tricast £191-79. 2 40 '51 34/d') | Shuggler II, Defron, 11-2).

2 40 '51 34/d') | Shuggler II, Defron, 11-2).

2 Hover Golf Rose (4-6-fav), 3, Amazing Bay (3-1), 9-1an, 11, -1, 01 Looler Tole £5-80.

21 60 £1-10, £1-40 DF £3-50 7no £4-50 CSF £9-26. CSF 1926 3 10 (76) 1, Etode (J. Reid, 7-1), 2, My Valentina (8-1), 3, Catypuo Lady (15-2) Sysadah 100-30 fav 9 ran NR Mestined 0:1, 9; P. Chapple-Hyam Tote 1980, 0:20 0:20 0:20 00 DF 557 30 Tot 532 20 0:5F 258 46

4.15 (Im 4) Syd) 1. Double Etho (Miss E Johnson Houghton 20-1); 2, #ising Spay (11-2 law); 3, Staffed (14-1), 4 Chidren's Choice (11-1) 22 ran Hd, rk, J Belhell Tote 22: 80, 24.10, 18.0, (2.50, 22.50) DF 5124 00 Thos 2321 00, CSF 5124 90 Tricas 51.514.99 Incast £1.514.59
4.45 (7! \$4yd) 1, Duello (J Ouinn, 15-2); 2, Press On Nicky (201); 3, Young Duke (9-4 bay) 12 rain 11-1, 34 M Biamstard Tole £9 10, £2 60, £10 30, £1.50 DF £205 40 Tno £451 60, CSF £131 27, Tricast: £405 40

(405.40 5.15 (1m) 1. Threadneadle (I. Detion, 7-1); 2. Scerpetta (5-1); 3. Zilclare (7-1) Medice 3-1 tav 12 ran H., 114 Lord Huntingdon Tote 6-80, C1.90, C1.90, 62 40 DF 232.40 Tro 6-6-00 CSF 641.26 Pleaspot, £23.20. Quad

Huntingdon

Huntingdon
Going: good to firm, firm in places
220 (3m 21 India) 1. Arrange A Game (S
Taylor, 33-1): 2, Mr Gerealogy (9-2), 3.
Record Lowy (7-2 Iran) 9 (an, NR Nick The
Dreamer 1 Mr, 344 Miss J Bower Tote
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Tho £145 30 CSF £165.27. Tricast,
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256 (2m 110yd ch) 1. Strong Promise (K
Gaule, 2-5 toy): 2. Holy Wandser (100-30); 3.
Shalik (25-1) S ran 61, 171 G Hubbard Tote,
11.40-£1 10, 61 70 DF, £1 70 CSF £226.
3.25 (2m 110yd hdle) 1. Mr Percy (P Hide,
7-2); 2. Courbant (6-1 Iahr): 3, Nesheast (10-1)
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6-1), 2. Super Sharp (Evens Iahr), 3 ran, NR
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4.25 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Prizefighter (O
Peats, 13-8 lay), 2. Yubraice (4-1) 3. Jine
Lane (10-3) 6 ran NR Amaze, Lancer, 7,
1141 J Eyle Tote £2 47, £2 10, £2 30, £2, 50
CSF £52 7 Tricast £16 84
4.55 (2m ch) 1, Drumcusten (Mr R Wiskley, £5.90 CSF £8.27 Tricasi £16.84
4.55 (3m ch) 1, Onamouslen (Mr R Waldey, 5-2), 2 Farry Park (9-1), 3. The Yank (11-10 lay), 4 ran 3 das is Barley Toto, £4.00. DF £6.00 CSF £16.15
5.25 (2m 110yd flet race) 1, Prototype (A Thornton, 10-1); 2, Andenbar (10-3), 3, Utimate Smoothie (7-4 lay) 12 ran 51, 41 G Johnson Houghton Tote £52.25; 26.00, £1.80, £1.50 DF £40.60 Tho £96.30. CSF. £52.74

Placepot: £185.50 Quadpot: £35.10.

CATTERICK

2.20 Champagne Warrior. 2.50 Toronto. 3.20 Madison Welcome. 3.50 Tessajoe. 4.25 Broughtons Formula. 5.00 Don Bosto. 5.30 Special-K.

Key Change, was third on fast DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.20 HAPPY BIRTHDAY JFS 55 TODAY SELLING STAKES

3-Y	0: £	2,406: 1m 5t 175yd) (10 runners)
	0255	ARC OF THE DIVER 15 (9) J Berry 8-10
2		AYDIGO J Pearce 8-10
3	-040	BROGAKS BRUSH 89 J Haldane 8-10 J Fanning 8
4	00-0	STORM WIND 115 K Burke 8-10 M Fenton 1
		THE BUTTERWICK XID 87 (G) R Father 8-10 A Culture 9
6	3425	CHAMPAGNE WARRIOR 71 (B) M Carracho 8-5 L Charnock 3
ž		CHANGAMODOK J Fyra 8-5 S Buckley (7) 6
ė	6304	HAVANA HEIGHTS 28 J Eyrs 8-5 J Oping 4
		PHILGEM 2 C Fairburst 8-5 N Karmedy 5
		SHIP'S DANCER 19 (V) E Incess 8-5 Kirn Tinkler 10
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		Diver, 7-2 Champagne Warner. 9-2 Havana Helghis, 8-1 Ph@pers.
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2.50 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN

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33	BANKEBOROUGH BOY 117 (BF) I Barron 9-0_	_ A Cultane
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	CONTENTMENT 10 J Hills 9-0	
5	EROSION 29 M Joinston 9-0	. 6 Bardwell 4
	KOMG LOND 12 Mars J Ramsdan 9-0	
05	SHADED 12 J Walts 9-0	n Comenton :
525	TORONTO 40 J Berry 9-0	G Carter !
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to, 4 minu	-1 Amyas, 9-2 Balfleborough Boy, 5-1 Come Danza ani, 10-1 Eroson, 12-1 others.	ig, 6-1 Bærresbo

3.20 RED ONION NURSERY HANDICAP

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		TTALIAN SYMPHONY 23 M Johnston 9-7 J Quinn 9
2	640	LORD DISCORD 40 T Exsterby 8-12 M Connorma 4
3	0405	MADISON WELCOME 38 Mrs J Ramsden 8-12 . J Fanning 3
4	5443	SUPER SAINT 29 T Barron 8-12 A Cultisme 7
5	5302	TOM MI DAH 27 M Hammond 8-12 N Kensedy (
6	003	JUICY TING 26 P Hastern 8-11 G Carter :
7	3463	GIPSY PRINCESS 14 M W Easierty 8-9 L Charmock 5
		EPIC STAND 18 Mrs J. Ramsden 6-7
9	0450	BALLYDINERO 26 J Wilson 8-0
		nt. 7-2 Madison Welcome. 4-1 Tom Mr Dah, 6-1 Gipsy Princess, 7- nny, 8-1 Epic Stand, Lord Discord, 10-1 others
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3.50 CONSTANT SECURITY SERVICES HANDICAP

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5	0-00	COLORFUL AMBITION 14 (F,G) Mrs A Synthesis 6-8-12 N Connorts	~
		ONCE MORE FOR LUCK 14 (CD.F.G.S) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-1 A Cellian	11
		CLASSIC PARISIAN 21 R Harris 3-9-11	

8 3205 MASTER HYDE 14 (D.F.G) W Storey 7-8-1 ... J Panning 8 9 050- MAD MILITANT 355 (D.F.G) A Streeter 7-8-0 J Calms 4 11-4 Tessaper, 4-1 Once More For Luck, 9-2 Artic Courier, 5-1 Classic Parislan, 7-1 Macie Hyde, Noreus, 10-1 Coloniul Ambition, 12-1 others

THUNDERER

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1 1221 MSLION DANCER 25 (B,F) M Pipe 4-11-3 ... D Bridgester
2 1-21 WAR WHOOP 23 (F) C Thorston 4-11-3 ... M Foster
3 3-41 SULID 15 (F) M Harmond 4-10-12 ... R Ganthy
4 00-0 THALEROS 15 & Moore 6-10-12 ... J Catagoten
5 -00P OUSEFLET BDY 15 Mess M Milegan 4-10-10 ... A Dobbin
6 PAMSERAM 225F Mrs A Switchask 4-10-10 ... J Supple
7 440 POLLY CINDERS 278 Mrs J Goodleitow 5-10-7 ... B Fenton
8 06 SCALLYMUL 42 K Hogg 6-10-7 ... Mr K Wheten
7-4 Million Dancer, 9-4 War Whoop, 7-2 Sujud, 7-1 Theleros, 12-1 Pangeran, 14-1
Pully Cinders, 16-1 others.

2.15 THIRLMERE NOVICES CHASE

1 -PRO BOETHUS 23 M Barnes 7-10-12 P W	-
2 -842 CAXTON 22 (BF,F,S) J White 9-10-12 N With	
3 4-30 RBCHMORD 15 (F.B) Miss Z Green 8-10-12 B	Sla
4 P40- TO BE THE BEST 129 D Lamb 5-10-12 J	Ðυ
6-6 Richmond, 2-1 Coxton. 7-2 To Be The Best, 4-1 Southius.	

(£2,188: 2m 4f 110yd) (2)

3.25 RED RUM HANDICAP CHASE

1 12-4 XLSHBALDO 28 (CD.F.G) C Parker 11-11-10 B Storrey
2 4203 THE BLUE BOY 7 (8.0.F.G.S) P Boern 8-10-8 Millionson
3 P4-P BANTOWN BELL 17 (V.D.F.G.S) MP Pg-7-10-4 D Bridginger
4 5P-4 (PNDEF 7 (5) B Bilson 8-10-0 G Cafil (3)
5 6-35 LPWELL 28 (F) A Johnson 12-10-0 K Johnson 6-4 Kushbalan, 9-4 The Blue Boy, 5-1 Bannicoun Ball, 6-1 Jendee, 10-1 Uparali

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	CLASH OF SWORDS 24 (B) P Calter 3-8-8 J Fanning 7	5626	- 6
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9-2 Hulibank, 5-1 Broughtons Formula, 6-1 Marsayas, 7-1 Spinning Mouse, 8-1 Longeroil, 10-1 Monaco Gold, Jundi, 12-1 others

5.00 GO RACING IN YORKSHIRE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £4,143; 7f) (13) 6000 BALLYKISSANGEL 38 N Byranit 9-0... 0533 DON BOSIO 11 (V,BF) M Sloute 9-0...

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5	5000	KASS ALHAWA 14 D Chapman 9-0	A Cultane .
6	32	MAN ON A MISSION A Streeter 9-0 L	Keeten (5)
7	32	MSGE(TY KEEK 34 M Johnston 9-0	. J Fanning
8	5-2	MINOLETTI 14 E Dunico 9-0	. M Fenico
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5.30 BROUGH PARK FILLIES HANDICAP

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1	0103	FORMEDABLE LIZ 5 (C.F) M Hammond 6-10-0 0 Pears (3)
2	6300	SPECIAL K 3 (V.D.F.6) E Waynes 4-9-8 C Lowiner (7
3	0304	REGAL FANFARE 36 (B.F.C) Mrs I. Stubbs 4-9-7. Jo Hunnam (7)
4	0053	CHARAMING BRIDE 19 (D,G) S Williams 3-9-6 G Cark
	2600	CRUZ SANTA 18 T Barron 3-9-5 A Culbane
Ē	4350	BOLD ENOUGH 86 (D.G) B Hills 3-9-4
7	2000	PRIJOENT PET 12 (D.F.6) C Falmusi 4-9-3 L Caamock
		KOMLUCKY 29 (V.G) A Metholiand 4-9-2 L Hewton (5
9		FUNKY 40 D Nicholk 3-9-1 Alex Greave
		LADY SILK 5 (G.S) Mass J Caze 5-9-0 N Comorto
11	5381	LA FRIALE 5 (B) D Micholis 3-8-13 Jenny Benson (7
12	MAH	SIS GARDEN 14 (B.D.G) J Cullinan 3-8-13 Aimee Cook (5)
		BELBAY STAR 36 J Synt 3-8-13 J Capita
14	4406	MADAM ZANDO 25 J Balding 3-8-11 J Edmunds (7)
15	0000	MY MALLE 51 D Barker 3-8-11 J Farming
	MAC.	EMEI SHAN 359 W G M Turner 3-8-10 D McGaffin (7
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		dare, 8-1 Formadable Ltz. 10-1 Fundry. 12-1 Sis Garden. Chairn
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COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINCRS: 8 Hills. 19 wavnets from 44 runners. 43.2%, W. Jarves. 3 from 12, 25.0%, Mrs. M. Revelay, 25 from 105, 23.8%, D. Mortey, 3 from 13, 23.1%, W. G. M. Turner, 3 from 15, 18.8%, T. Easterby. 4 from 22, 18.2%. JOCKEYS: 1. Newton, 3 winners from 13 rides, 23 1%, 0 Pears, 9 from 60, 15 DN; N Connorton, 9 from 67, 13 4%; 6 Carter, 6 from 46, 13 ON, M Fenton, 4 from 35, 11,4%, 0-bly qualifiers.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ayr. 3.05 Thweab, Stuffed 4.45 Ba Man Howa Cartisle: 1.40 Million Dancer 4.30 More Joy Cattlerick Bridge: 2.20 Champagne Wantor 5.30 Special-K. Market Rasert: 2.45 Eccentric Dancer. Euro Express Newbury: 2.10 Tra Kenteta. 2.40 Brandon Magic. 4.10 Artful Dane, Biaze Ol Song. Wolverhampton: 7.00 Mystic Ouest. 8.30 Laughing Buccaneer 9.00 Hopperatia.

CARLISLE

1.40 Million Dancer, 2.15 Caxton, 2.50 Sharani, 3.25 Kushbaloo, 3.55 Buglet, 4.30 Cuchullains Gold, 5.05 Duraid.

1.40 ULLSWATER NOVICES HURDLE

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2.50 BROTHERSWATER HANDICAP HURDLE 2-7 Shahrani, 3-1 Gone By

3.55 RYDAL WATER HANDICAP HURDLE

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7 4	13-5	SHARP SBISATION 29F (D.F) D Barber 5-12-0 P Niven WELL APPOINTED 106 (CO.F) B Mackaggart 7-11-10 B Storey
3 8	18-3 012	ANORAK 23 (D.F) 6 Moort 6-11-7 J Callaghan BUGLET 10 (D.F) M Pipe 6-11-7 D Bridgester
5 4	C23	TAKE TWO 21 (D.F.S.5) Mess M Militigen 8-17-6 . G Cahill (3) SOUSON 21 (B.C.F.G) J Wade 8-11-0
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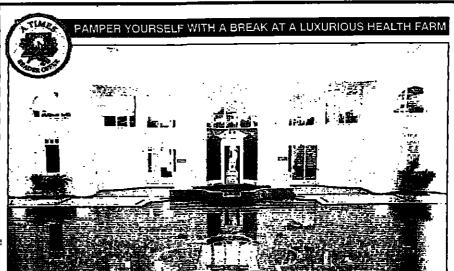
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FOOTBALL

Wright reaches across eras to Bastin's landmark

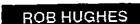
ton of goals, separate Ian Wright from Cliff Bastin as the greatest accumulators of goals in Arsenal history. The huge gulf in the different eras they represent is reflected in behaviour, in athletic approach and in the unbridled spirit that Wright brings to the modern Arsenal more than in the frequency with which Wright and Bastin hit the

On Monday Wright scored a hat-trick to take his tally of league goals for Arsenal to 100, scored in 168 appearances. He became second in the club's all-time goalscorers list to Bastin, who neatly rounded off his league tally at 150 goals in 350 games. "Yeah, I'm hunting the man down. y'know," Wright said.

One would not ordinarily compare the lives or the temperaments of Bastin and Wright, no more than you could compare their price. Once again there is symmetry of a kind, for when Bastin came up from Exeter City in 1929, told by his mother that he must sign for Herbert Chapman, the fee was £2,500; lan Wright, born in the birthplace of the club, south of the Thames at Woolwich, fetched £2.5 million when Crystal Palace sold him to

Arsenal in 1991. Yet, in a way, the introvert Bastin and the decidedly extrovert Wright are brothers of a kind. They were both born to be goalscorers. both would fit into the category of men whose quickness and alertness of eye and brain made them what used to be called inside lefts.

Bastin, because he had to play second fiddle to arguably the most creative inside left of them all. Alex James, scored his torrent of goals from the wing. Wright has had to make so many of his own goals, appearing alongside a centre forward more muscular than he. He is still, as he nears his 33rd birthday, capable of striking with predatory swift-ness and astonishing





Weekend View

still: Bastin's 150 league goals came in 350 games, but his overall total of 178 compares to Wright's 150 in 224 appearances, some of them, of course, at the rarified level of European competition. Both, too, played less times for England than their skills would have suggested: Bastin scored 12 goals in 21 internationals. Wright just five in 18 appearances, nine of them as a substitute. And while we are

'The introvert Bastin and the extrovert Wright are brothers of a kind'

> about arithmetic. Wright has already eclipsed David Jack, whose 1931 record of scoring in nine consecutive games, fell two years ago to Wright when he scored in ten successive Unlike Cliff Bastin he would

not be able to claim such a perfect score in terms of sportng rectitude. Indeed, even on Monday, Wright displayed the wildness of an unbroken stallion. Bastin would never have had the opportunity to pull spitefully on the dreadlocks of an opponent, as Wright did to Regi Blinker, of Sheffield Wednesday, and nor were there accusations that he put a man out of the game, as Wright did when he stamped, The full record of the two "accidentally we presume".
goalscorers draws them closer Sheffield Wednesday managankle of Dejan Stefanovic. That accidental action by Wright changed the game and created the spaces he. himself, so ably exploited.

Some people in football still use the vernacular to call Wright a "boy". Bastin was called a boy because, at 17, he was an Exeter prodigy and, though full of self-assurance, never outgrew the subservience of the players of the day. Typically, he retired to become landlord of the Horse and Groom in his Devon home town, and, typically, he at times needed protecting from the bruising and buffeting of

heavy-footed defenders.

The boot is sometimes on the other foot when Wright is about. He came into professionalism late, having taken an apprenticeship as an electrician and having been rejected by Brighton and Hove Albion. This rejection fuelled the hunger that manager after manager who has handled him revere. And when, on Monday night, Arsenal came from behind once again this season, Pat Rice, the acting manager, said: "In the face of

adversity they won't lie down. With Ian, you're never really out of a game, and when we go to Germany, Borussia [Monchengladbach] had better watch out." Wright himself, the

standard bearer for this trait, as well as for the indiscipline that flows like adrenalin through Arsenal blood, added: "Losing to Borussia at home was a little bit of a hiccup, but if they are thinking that it's over, they have got a little bit of a wrong attitude. We are Arsenal people, we know what it's about here."

As he travels in search of the last ghost of Arsenal's scoring past, as he waits to see whether his form, and his manners, please the awaited Arsenal manager, Arsène Wenger, Wright has just written a book. It separates him from the players of old and, as it deals with the inside of a prison cell as well as the mind of the modern pro, what else need it be called but Mr



Nelson adds to his expanding knowledge of English architecture by admiring the majestic frontage of Lichfield Cathedral

New horizons for cultured defender

f the key to footballing success abroad is to em-L brace a new culture then Fernando Nelson deserves to win every individual honour going this season. Since arriving at Aston Villa the Portugal defender has immersed himself into English

life with enormous zest. Far from treating every-thing away from Villa Park and the training ground as a distraction. Nelson has utilised his spare time indulging his love of history and is more likely to be found walking around a stately home or castle than a golf COUISE.

He does not dwell on the fact that Portuguese players tend to move to Spain or Italy and that none has yet made an impression over here. Instead, he points to historical links between the two countries to explain why England is a natural home from home. "Didn't we fight together to beat the French and Napoleon in Portugal in the last century?" he asked.

No. this is not your average footballer. Nelson is an intelligent man who dismisses philosophy as a concept Richard Hobson meets an Aston Villa import determined to make the most of his chance to examine English history

because it is too subjective." insists that people who live with their brain and not their heart are necessarily unhappy, and, with passion, names Afonso Henriques, the man who led Portugal to indepen-dence in the 12th century, as his favourite historical figure. Villa entertain Manchester United today and an aftermatch conversation between Nelson and Eric Cantona

could be interesting. Nelson, the son of a glass maker, began his career at Salgueiros before moving to Sporting Lisbon, where he played under Bobby Robson. He has won five full caps and helped his country to the world and European youth championships in 1991. Before deciding to join Villa during the summer he consulted Robson and, after a series of double training sessions to reach the required fitness, has slotted into the

side at right wing back. "I have been back home once already and surprised THE FACE OF FOOTBALL

everybody because i told them I was enjoying Eng-land." he said. "People think the two countries are completely different and the step was too big for me. They laugh at me when I tell them I am happy and that it

doesn't rain every day." Nelson's task in settling into his home at Walmley, on the outskirts of Birmingham, has been made easier by the presence of his wife, Maria, who accompanies him along the tourist trail. Together they have visited the castle at Warwick as well as Blenheim Palace, which Nelson described as a smaller version of Versailles, "the most

beautiful place in the world". "It is a waste to come to another part of the world and do nothing except play foot-ball," he said. "You can do that, but when you go home you will regret it. I want to find out what the country and the people are really like and you can discover a lot through history."

A choking football calendar means Nelson is struggling to find even a two-day break to stroll around London and take in Buckingham Palace. "I am interested in your Royal Family because we studied them at school. Your monarchy will survive," he said. "It would be better if they could all set a good example all of the time but every family has its black

Nelson feels justified in comparing the pressures on

the Windsors with those at Sporting, where players were under public scrutiny almost permanently and anything that even bordered on failure was seen as intolerable.

"When we lost a game it seemed the sky had fallen in." Nelson said. "All of our problems came out in the press and then, of course, you never be just a game.

They have not learnt that

to his role at Villa. who needed a right-sided player to stand in for the injured Gary Charles. "I knew the game would be quicker, but if you use your brain and keep your mind open you can adapt,"

Evans looks forward to title test at Anfield | Bromsgrove ponder Burgher bar

By David Maddock

MANAGERS are fond of pointing out at this time of the vear that no prizes - the monthly award to their own brethren apart - are handed out so early in the season. It is their way of reducing the expectations surrounding those sides fortunate enough to find themselves at the top of their respective divisions.

Today's contest between Liverpool and Chelsea, however, has all the appearance of one between two teams who will surely still be at the right end of the FA Carling Premiership come the season's end. Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, thinks as much, although he still managed to

add the cliched rider as his own insurance policy.

Evans has been impressed by Chelsea so far this season. and it goes without saying that he has complete faith in his own side, top of the table and with the strength in depth to stay there. Thus he anticipates an intriguing match at Anfield this afternoon.

already gone from dark horses to genuine contenders for the title," he said. "Under Ruud Gullit, they have resilience at the back and are adventurous and technically adept going forward. I think they have a similar philosophy to us and they possess the game to do extremely well this season.

"I believe that Chelsea have

"I think everyone realises

that they have the players, too. A lot has been made of their foreign imports and we know that Vialli is something special. But Le Beouf has been impressive, too, and Di Matteo is very proficient on the ball and he has vision in his passing. They have got Mark Hughes as well, don't forget, and he has always done

well against us."

While the defeated team this afternoon will have time to repair the damage, this game will certainly provide a pointer as to the credentials of both sides. Evans is eager to test his assertion that his own team are perhaps better than any other in the country, on their day. "We are top, and that pleases me because our own

form has not been the best so far this season," he said. What we have shown is

patience and an ability to grind out results - which is perhaps something that we did not do enough last season. I know what we are capable of and I know that we can improve, so it will be interesting to see how we get on against Chelsea, who, I think, will be there at the end of the

Evans has one tricky selection decision to make before this afternoon's match. He has hinted strongly all week that Patrik Berger will make his full debut in place of the outof-sorts Stan Collymore. On reflection, however, Chelsea's more open style of play may just persuade him to give Collymore one more opportunity.

Chelsea are more of a footballing team and will not be as defensive-minded as most teams we face at Anfield this season," he said. "There may be more room for two strikers up front, and I will have to bear that in mind when I choose between Stan and Patrik, who prefers to come from deep."

□ Nigel Winterburn, the Arsenal defender, was charged with bringing the game into disrepute by the Football Association yesterday. The decision follows incidents during the 4-1 victory over Sheffield Wednesday last Monday night.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

SYMON BURGHER, the Seventh Day Adventist whose beliefs make him a midweekonly footballer, scored twice to help Bromsgrove Rovers to beat Altrincham 4-0 on Tuesday night and lift them off the foot of the Vauxhall Conference, to which they had sunk after a run of seven consecutive defeats.

Burgher started out as a professional at Exeter City. but settled for part-time football and life as a schoolteacher in Birmingham after he took up a religion that forbade playing on Saturdays. Over the past seven seasons

Burgher, 29, has given Bromsgrove valuable, if intermittent, service but his days

with the club may be numbered despite his productive first appearance of the season. Brian Kenning, the Bromsgrove manager, said: "He

signed for Moor Green in the Dr Martens League as well. It's a question of who phones him first, gets him to play. He had an arrangement with the previous manager that he wouldn't travel away unless he'd start in the team, and I accepted that. This season he said he wouldn't come to home games unless he played. It's reached the stage where, when we get all the squad fit, I cannot see any point in play-

ing Symon." The loss of six first-team regulars set Bromsgrove on United. Although Nick Arnos and Kevin Richardson, the club captain who has had a cruciate ligament operation. will remain out of action for some weeks, the other

CYCLING

Indurain drops out on mountain stage

By Peter Bryan

MIGUEL INDURAIN, the world's outstanding stage rid-er of the last decade with a record five successive Tour de France victories, made a dramatic exit from the Tour of Spain on the thirteenth stage

With 25 kilometres remaining of the mountain stage between Oviedo and Covadonga, Induráin abandoned the race to seek rest and refreshment in a roadside hotel. He had looked ill at ease during the early part of the race and was reported to have called several times to talk to his team doctor.



Indurain: out of home tour

He had been reluctant to compete in his national tour, which he last contested in 1991, but, after finishing eleventh in the Tour de France and failing to win the Olympic title in Atlanta, his sponsors, Banesto, put pressure on their leading rider to take part. Indurain had indicated earlier in the season that this could be his last.

After his retirement yesterday, it is now doubtful whether Induráin will be either fit or willing to contest the timetrial and road-race world championships next month. Indurain had started the

day second, more than a minute behind the leader, Alex Zülle, of Switzerland, with Laurent Jalabert, of France, a team-mate of Zulle and last year's winner, third. A late attack by Zulle and Jalabert near the end of the mountain-top finish took them clear. Jalabert went on to win the stage by a length from Zülle, who vigorously pointed at his colleague to indicate his admiration. Zülle

retains the overall lead. Today sees another mountain stage, 170 kilometres from Cangas de Onis to

BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE: Seattle 7 Texas 8; New York 9 Baltimore 3 (first match), New York 9 Baltimore 10 (second match); Desroit 3 Bosson 8; Cleveland 9 Kanses City 1; Chicago 8 Mannasota 3

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Bologna 60; Ulherspor (Tur) 67 Stefenel
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BOWLS

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HOCKEY

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FOR THE RECORD

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CAIRO: Men's Open championship: Semi-finals: Jensher Khan (Pak) bt P Nicol (Engi 17-18, 9-15, 15-2, 15-9; R Eylos (Aus) b Zubair Jahan (Pak) 15-13, 16-8, 15-8. SPEEDWAY PREMIER LEAGUE: Shelfield 54 Covenity 42, Middlesbrough 54 Bradford 42,

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7-6.
TOKYO: Woman's tournament: Second round: Wang Shi-Ting [Taiwan] bit A Glass (Sen) 6-1. 7-5: K: Po (US) bit A Sugnama (Japen) 8-2.6-7.6-4: A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bit R Gararda (in 6-2.6-1: M Pierce (F) bit Park Sung-Hee (S Kor) 7-5, 6-2. Chuarter-finais: Po bit Pierce 7-5, 6-4; M Seles (US) bit M Sawamaksu (Japen) 8-1, 8-4: K Dele (Japen) bit A Coetzer (SA) 6-3.6-0; Sánchez Vicario bit Wang 4-6, 6-1, 6-1
WARSAW: Women's tournament: Second rotmd: B Paulus (Austria) bit S Kloinova (C) 1-6, 6-3, 6-1; K Hebpudova (Slovelde) bit A Olsas (Pol) 8-4, 6-3: 5 Fanne (h) bit K Stratzy (Pol) 6-0, 5-7, 6-3; C Casles (Form) bit A Montoilo (Sp) 6-1, 6-7, 6-2.

GIVEN that a fifth of the original squad has dropped out and the tour plans have been redrafted several times. the Great Britain manage-

Some faces in the party of 31 are unfamiliar and so are some of the places being visited now that Australia is no longer on the itinerary. The dispute between the Super League in England and the Australian Rugby League (ARI). has meant a more exotic first half of the tour, in Papua and the previously

New Zealand and a threematch international series next month is the start of business proper. It is then that Phil Larder, the Britain coach, might curse the mishaps that have befallen him. Being forced to leave Gary Connolly and Jason Robinson at home was wounding enough. That

is rubbing the salt in.
Connolly and Robinson

lose confidence and trust in each other. When we played Benfica the stadium was always full and there was so much passion, but to the Portuguese that one could

hooliganism is a bad thing. as you have in England. Sometimes I think they see football as life and death. That is why it is important to have other interests. I liked Bobby Robson because he knows football but he also knows human beings." Nelson has soon adapted

their heels after victories over Welling United and Telford

casualties are returning to fitness.

Bromsgrove's assignment today is at Stevenage Borough, the champions, "I take Macclesfield and Stevenage as the most formidable-looking teams in the Conference," Kenning said. "What they have, of course, is strength in depth." He could not quite hide all trace of envy.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Larder's strange faces in unfamiliar places

By Christopher Irvine

ment would be advised to do a headcount and check all onward destinations as the party arrives in Papua New Guinea today on the first leg of the sixweek Pacific tour.

unvisited Fiji.

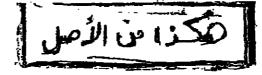
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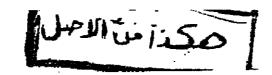
have contracts with the ARL. which ordered the pair and Lee Jackson out of Larder's squad. Shaun Edwards then withdrew for knee surgery. Paul Newlove tore a hamstring, John Bentley had new baby commitments and a winter offer from Newcastle rugby union club, and, finally. Steve McNamara tripped on some broken glass.

It leaves a young, inexperienced squad. Yet, from a similar situation on the tour to Papua and New Zealand in 1990, when eight players withdrew, a talented new generation emerged. There are the players on board now for that to happen again.

10 happen again.
PARTY: Backs: J Critchley (Kechiev). R
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(Kerghley). S Prescott (St Helens), K
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(Sheifield), M Cassaby (Wigan), K Cunning-ham (St Helens), B Delayer (Bradbord), A
Farnell (Migen, captain), N Harmon
Leeds), C Joynt (St Helens), J Lowes
(Bradbord), B Mobley (Festiverstore), T
O'Connor (Migan), R Philippe (Montington),
P Southorpe (Warengton)

TINERARY: Sept 25: Papua New Guinsa
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(Warengare); 25. New Zealand (Palmerston
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THE TIMES GUIDE TO THE PREMIERSHIP THIS WEEKEND

ARSENAL

No wonder Arsenal are tempted to bring back Tony Adams against Middlesbrough's multi-talented attack. Wretchedly inept against Borussia Mönchengladbach. Arsenal's defence creaked horribly in the early stages of the 41 win against Sheffield Wednesday. But Patrick Vieira, the French midfield player, made a promising debut and is eligible to play against the Germans on Wednesday in Cologne. There is little wrong with Arsenal's attack, even without Bergkamp.

BG



Derby may have to break up the back three that has helped them to take seven points from three games and given Jim Smith, the manager, what he considers a perfectly balanced defence. His choice of Matt Carbon. 21, against Manchester United caused a huge surprise but the youngster's ability to hit long passes on the left complements Stimac and Rowett.

DERBY COUNTY

However, he suffered delayed concussion a

week ago, broke down in training on Thursday and is doubtful. RH

EVERTON Among Everton's unexpected

far, he has been drawing blanks.

problems this season has been the poor form of Andrei Kanchelskis. "I don't know whether it's a hangover from Euro 96 or whether he is just struggling to live up to the standards he set last season," Joe Royle said, ten days ago. Since then Royle has spotted signs that the hangover might be passing. The search for a striker to partner Duncan Ferguson continues, but if the supply line from Kanchelskis returns, it will make Ferguson's life easier.

ASTON VILLA

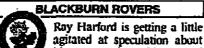
won 3-1, prompting Alan Han-sen to utter those memorable lines on Match of the Day that "you never win amphing with light The

anything with kids". This time, the season is well under way, with United in contention at the top of the table, and Villa also challenging. Brian Little, the Villa manager, will be expecting Dwight Yorke, last year's leading scorer, to begin firing. Thus far he has been denuised blooks.

Asion Villa gave Manchester

United a nasty surprise at the

start of last season, when they



agitated at speculation about his next purchase. He assured the media yesterday that no new arrival is imminent, but there may be a fresh face in the Blackburn side today. Jason Wilcox is likely to return for his first game of the season after injuring a knee in the summer. "It has been a frustrating time because I finally got fit after a cruciate ligament injury that kept me out for a year.

ready, he said. George Graham's relaxed,

LEEDS UNITED

and then I get another problem. But I feel

open approach to the press since he returned to the game has been striking. Very differ-ent to the tight, unyielding manager of Arsenal days. Perhaps his year in the press box played its part — but one or two suspect that behind the relaxed manner, he is still as cautious as ever. He is holding his weekly press conferences on Thursday rather than the traditional Friday - "In case I've got something up my sleeve which I don't want you to see."

CHELSEA

A hard test for unbeaten Chelsea at Liverpool. Frank Leboeuf returns, having missed the win at Blackpool in the Coca-Cola Cup on Wednesday. Vialli is back, too, but in what kind of form? He had a strangely passive game last Sunday against Aston Villa. But Jody Morris goes from strength to strength in midfield. Ruud Gullit seems likely to persist with a flat back four, but he must be worried that Chelsea's most dangerous players last Sunday were both defenders: Lebocuf and Petrescu.



Leicester's side is likely to have a more cosmopolitan look in the coming weeks. After two trial games in the reserves, Sacha Lenhart, 22, the German winger, has signed a one-month contract as the club's first capture under the Bosman ruling. He was a free agent who played in Belgium for Royal Antwerp last season. Meanwhile, Pontus Kaamark, the Sweden defender, is continuing his rehabilitation after cruciate ligament surgery in January and should be in first-team contention next month. RH

COVENTRY CITY

Ron Atkinson failed in his recent attempt to enlist Paul McGrath, the Aston Villa de-

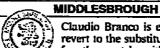
fender, but the word is that he is still keen to add to his modest £17.5 million outlay in 19 months at the Highfield Road helm. However, the deserved win over Leeds United and the undeserved Coca-Cola Cup draw with Birmingham City — Coventry should have won that match comfortably — could convince him that good times are just around the corner. Big Ron in closed chequebook shock? RK

LIVERPOOL

The suggestion on Merseyside is that Patrik Berger, the Czech Republic international, will make his first start for the club. But do not be too sure. Roy Evans, the manager, was keeping his cards close to his chest yesterday and even though he is expected to drop Collymore, his £8 million forward, he is perverse enough to give him one last opportunity. Otherwise Liverpool will be unchanged from the side that took them to the top of the Premiership against Leicester last Sunday.

MANCHESTER UNITED

y With Keane and Cole coming back to full fitness, Alex Ferguson's biggest problem may be to keep his squad happy. If players aren't playing they don't enjoy it, and that's a problem for one or two players at the moment. But I've got to spread the load this season. The difficult thing will come when I have to pick teams for the big matches. But if United are successful, then I'm doing the right thing." Today's solution may be for Cole and Solskjaer to play 45



Claudio Branco is expected to revert to the substitutes' bench for the match with Arsenal today at the Riverside Stadium, in favour of the returning Neil Cox, after the 7-0 Coca-Cola Cup demolition of Hereford on Wednesday. Despite scoring three times in two reserve fixtures, Mikkel Beck, the Denmark international forward, is not yet deemed fully march-fit. Meanwhile, Robson has quelled talk of a dispute with his reserve goalkeeper, Gary Walsh, insisting he is staying put.

NEWCASTLE UNITED Faustino Asprilla must sit on

the substitutes' bench once again for the game at Leeds.
Contrary to popular rumour he
is not on the verge of submitting a transfer request, and even if he were to complain, nobody would understand because his interpreter has gone off to college. Newcastle are aiming for their fourth consecutive victory today, but Kevin Keegan must keep winning if he is to pacify some of the big names, like Albert, who are being left out of the side. DM

class.

They have conceded 11 league goals already. Steve Stone is out for a year. Frank Clark has no money to spend and a crowd of 6,482 for the Coca-Cola Cup tie

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Bryan Roy's return to fitness

has occurred not a moment too

soon for a beleaguered Forest.

against Wycombe on Wednesday was the lowest at the City Ground for 36 years, despite halved admission prices. Roy frustrated the supporters last season, but his winning goal against Wycombe oozed



SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

Two weeks ago they were top of the pile. Now David Pleat, the manager, will find out whether his players really have the character to belie the summer suggestion that Wednesday are natural relegation candidates. Two defeats present an immediare test of resolve. Pleat, at least, has the returning Pembridge to strengthen his midfield: Hyde will replace the injured Collins — leaving no room for Sheridan, which may spark transfer interest from Coventry and Manchester City.

DM



SUNDERLAND Alex Rae, a Coca-Cola Cup

scorer in the midweek win at Watford, will be challenging Kevin Ball for a midfield place. After joining Sunderland from Millwall for El million in the summer, Rae was initially suspended, but he now has a strong chance of translating his impressive practiceground form into Premiership surrounds. Peter Reid, the manager, continues his attempt to create another Ajax on Wearside pinching Jimmy Hagan from Manchester United as youth supremo. LT

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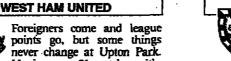
Southampton's overdue first win, against Peterborough, has not blinded Graeme Souness to the need for more goals. "I hope

by the time we play Wimbledon, we've got Alvez [Paolo, of Sporting Lisbon, the Portugal international and another forward player in from abroad," he said. "That's the marketplace for us. It's so expensive in this country." Souness's first foreign import, Claus Lundekvam, the Norwegian, has already started to receive rave notices.



Tottenham's woeful home form is again microscopically examined tomorrow, when they play

Leicester City. They won only nine of 19 league games at White Hart Lane last season and, this time around, have yet to win in three attempts. "It cost us a place in Europe last season and we've got to rectify it quickly," Colin Calderwood, the Scotland defender, lamented. "Maybe our style of play is better suited for away games but that's no real excuse. We've got to get it sorted out."



never change at Upton Park. Having gone 26 matches withbooking, Julian Dicks has been cautioned in successive matches. "I was so annoyed at some of the decisions. I think referees think they are better than they are," the shaven-headed one complained after falling from grace at Middlesbrough. "Some of them don't even want to speak to you." And what had Dicks said? "It's not something you'll be able to print."



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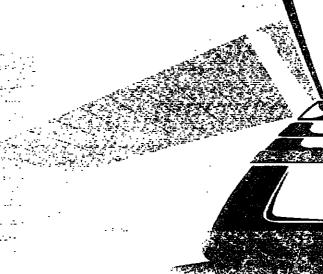
players' closed-ranks reaction to Gary Lineker's jibe at Vinnie Jones, or the realisation that

Reports: Brian Glanville, Peter Ball, Russell Kempson, Richard Hobson, Louise Taylor, Nick Szczepanik, Keith Pike, David Maddock. Statistics: Julian Desborough



WIMBLEDON

nobody is indispensable (after his teammates' third successive victory without him). Dean Holdsworth is back in the fold. He scored the only goal against Portsmouth on Wednesday, when Joe Kinnear fielded largely a reserve side, plus Jones, who misses the Southampton game through suspension. "I could have ended up with egg on my face," Kinnear said.



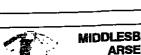


ASTON VILLA V MANCHESTER UNITED

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MANCHESTER UNITED (from): P Schmeichel, G Neville, G Pallister, R Johnsen, D Inwin, K Poborsky, D Beckham, R Keane, R Giggs, E Cantona, O Solskjaer, D May, B McClair, A Cole, J Cruyff, R van der





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LEADING SCORERS 4

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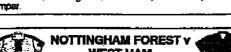
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WEST HAM UNITED (from): S Mautone, P Shilton, T Breacker, J Dicks. S Ports, S Billic, I Dowie, M Risper, J Moncur, S Lazandes, I Bishop, M Hughes, S Bowen, S Jones, K Rowland, F Lampard, A Whitbread, A Coffee, R Ferdinand, I Durnitrescu.



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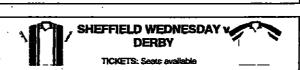
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MONDAY



WIMBLEDON V SOUTHAMPTON

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LIVERPOOL v

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WHEN TO WATCH ON TELEVISION

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16.45pm BBC1 Match of the Day (highlights) полож

10am Sky Sports Goals on Sunday

4pm Sky Sports Ford Escort Super Sunday Tottenham Hotspur v Leicester City (live)

8pm Sky Sports Ford Escort Monday night football Wimbledon v Southampton (live)

RUGBY UNION

Gloucester must be wary of Bath backlash

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

WHEN was the last time that Bath cowered in the lower half of the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship, staring up at seven teams? It is not a situation to which the perennial league winners are accustomed, nor one that they enjoy.

In normal circumstances. they would not look at Kingsholm, where they play Gloucester today, as a place to go for sustenance, yet the professional game has left Gloucester struggling for a foothold among the elite. They have young, ambitious players on their books, but those concerned need time in which to mature, and they will not get it from the big spenders.

In 1987, the inaugural year of league rugby. Bath were beaten in two of their first three games. Now, having lost in successive weeks to Leicester and Wasps, Gloucester may prove the whipping

"We made 17 handling errors against Wasps and lost the ball in the tackle 12 times," Brian Ashton, the Bath coach, said. "In addition, we gave away ten penalties and, when you add that all together, it's an enormous amount of ball to

give the opposition.
"Wasps scored three tries from two turnovers and a dropped pass by Mike Catt which, on the day, was par for the course, because a lot of the errors were made by those you might call the top-ranked players. In the first half, we didn't play the game we had talked about in training: we didn't even attempt the game that brought us 87 points against Swansea."

So back against Gloucester come the cool, knowledgeable heads of Phil de Glanville and Andy Robinson, the man whom the Kingsholm Shed loves to hate. Against them. Gloucester will pit Peter Glanville and Mark Mapletoft, the stand-off half whose name will have come up in on Thursday among the England management, as much for his kicking

ability as his running talents. serious concern for England, who hope to name a training squad on Monday. So many clubs employ "foreigners" in that capacity, that any first-division Englishman who is finding the mark consistently is worthy of consideration. Look, for example, at Wasps and Gareth Rees, Bristol and Paul Burke, Harlequins and Michael Corcoran, Orrell and Frano Borica (until today), Richmond and Simon Mason - all of them qualified for

other countries. It is no surprise to see John Liley, of Leicester, heading the kicking chart in the first division with Jon Callard, of Bath, in close attendance, but next in line comes Will Carling, born-again kicker and would-be stand-off half but playing at centre in an unchanged Harlequins team at Bristol. "We are now moving into the serious phase of our season," Dick Best, their direc-

tor of rugby, said. Mind you, he thought that last week before his players scored 66 points against London Irish, who give league debuts today to Phil Drury and Ivan Mackenzie against a Sale side missing the injured Dewi Morris.

Were Harlequins to sustain their unbeaten run against Bristol it would be no great surprise. However, Wasps, the first division's other unbeaten side, are in the unaccustomed position of favourites to beat Leicester at Loftus Road tomorrow, when Andy Gomarsall and Austin Heatey, two of the sparkiest scrum halves in the country.

sion will take shape after Newcastle - who have now agreed terms with Halifax Blue Sox for John Bentley, the former England wing - have played Blackheath, and Richmond's visit to Bedford, for whom Martin Offiah's league debut is, once more, delayed. However, Bedford will field their latest signings, Scott Murray, the lock from Edinburgh Academicals and Junior Paramore, the former Western Samoa flanker.

Llanelli will not confirm their XV to play Swansea, the Welsh League leaders, until Bouca's move from Orrell can be confirmed. Last night the delicate question of compensation was being discussed.

Sheasby has right heir style

David Hands meets

a player with strong

claims to succeed

Dean Richards as the England No 8

ean Richards knows all about the troughs in representative sport as well as the peaks he has, after all, been overlooked by England four times en route to becoming his country's most-capped No 8. Chris Sheasby, for his part, would love just one of the opportunities Richards has had and the meeting of the two players at Loftus Road tomorrow resounds with possibilities.

It is easy to attach a label to both men: Leicester's Richards, the product of another era, symbol of a slower, more formal international time. against the buzzing Wasp. Sheasby, boulevardier of university and London rugby. Yet there is less than four years between them and Sheasby has done his share of the back-row spadework while Richards has played his part in games of verve, pace and style.

Some may argue that Sheasby, at 29, has left it late to press his claim to a first international cap. Always there have been others ahead of him in the queue -Rodber, Ryan, Clarke, Ojomoh, Diprose — yet Sheasby would argue that the game is now catching up with

"I perceived myself, when I started, as much more of a southern hemisphere style of player and it upsets me to hear people saying we should strive to play as they do when I believe that I have always done so, yet have been criticised for it," he said.

was a faithful Harlequin, yet during the summer he joined Wasps just when it seemed that Harlequins were poised to break the Bath-Leicester stranglehold. His most obvious motive was the chance to play alongside Lawrence Dallaglio, the Wasps captain, who has made England's No 7 shirt his own.

The second was the furore last March when he preferred to play sevens for an England team in Hong Kong and crossed swords with Dick Best, director of rugby for Harlequins, who had league commitments on the same weekend. The abbreviated game is important to 1993 England squad that won the inaugural World Cup tournament

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(44) Raith v Dundee Utd

First division

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Sheasby is hoping his move to Wasps will further his international ambitions

"I wasn't happy with what happened last March but nor was I at the way Harlequins were going into the professional era." he said. "Keith Richardson, the coach and a major player in the club's success last season, left but I also felt the group feeling we developed was drifting away. There had to be a balance between the old loyalties and

the new transfer market. "It wouldn't have taken much doing, just a few subtle brush strokes, but instead everyone was categorised when it came to contracts. There was no discussion, no negotiation over areas which the degree of individual freedom allowed - I felt the club was going back to the cosmo-

politan days of five or six years ago, when internationals from all over the world would float in."

Wasps offered the flexibility Sheasby sought: a reasonable financial package to go with a two-year contract, plus an opportunity for the player to develop a career. Sheasby is maintaining his teaching links with Pangbourne, but he is looking towards the media and it is no coinci-dence that Chris Wright, chairman of Loftus Road plc, which runs both Wasps and Queens Park Rangers, is also the owner of the Chrysalis communications group.

the scrum this season have helped him promote his international claims: he is blessed everything."

with power, pace off the mark and good hands, which he demonstrated with great clarity against Tony Diprose and Saracens a fortnight ago. But he must also convince the sceptics, those who remember his swashbuckling student days and have not recognised the change to serious career

"I feel the ability I have could have been recognised earlier," Sheasby, who has played twice for England A. said. "If I only had a year left I might be bitter about it but I have three years and I hope the quality of skills and the style of play will benefit me. that is going places, that has the chance to win

Public apathy underlines value of series

n 1986 I had the great good fortune to spend a full week in France. It was the early winter and not the middle part of the year when it is fashionable for retired company directors to go there to write a blockbuster.

To be in France at any time is as fine a prospect as a man can wish, but this was no idle dawdle to admire the architecture and the churches. There was a game afoot - France were due to play New Zealand. There was much restless anticipation and animated chatter in the cafes and restau-

The drama was in two parts: the first international in Toulouse, the second in the newly-opened Beaujorie Stadium, in Nantes, the next Saturday. New Zealand, captained by Jock Hobbs, won the first ferocious encounter 19-7. In the return match, France, inspired by the uncompromising Jacques Fouroux, overnumed the deficit to win an even more brutal contest 16-3. But for the violence on the pitch, it was a great rugby week: such exhilaration. Let us move on a decade.

The All Blacks were in France last year. Again it was a twomatch duel. This time, in Toulouse, France won 22-15 so that the road leading to the second match in Paris was red-hot, a pitch of excitement. This time, in a magnificent display of attacking rugby. New Zealand won 37-12. in both cases there should have been a decider. Even so, the mini-series aroused curiosity and demanded attention. Both occasions provided rich rugby

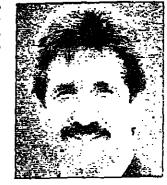
So, where is all this leading? It is to consider the value and structure of international rugby. At present, there is a ferment of activity to arrange fixtures, to raise revenue to fund the game. In so doing, the game itself may be devalued. For instance, Wales will play three international fixtures at Cardiff before Christmas. The first is against France on Wednesday evening. The tickets are easy to come by and the French have

awarding caps for what they regard as a "friendly" match. The public are a discerning bunch. They understand that. since there are plenty of marches, they can exercise their discretion. The ones they miss, they can watch on television. Furthermore, with matches against Australia and spendthrift weeks before Christmas, their wallets will be stretched.

The crowd is also discrimi-

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GERALD DAVIES



Rugby Commentary

nating enough to know that nothing hangs on the outcome on Wednesday. If they want to see France play. Paris on February 15 is the place to be. There are the abundant delights of Paris. of course, but. more importantly, this will be a five nations' championship match. The fixture has a meaning, a mood and a context.

International matches should not be served up willynilly. Isolated fixtures are no proper substitute for a fullystructured list of inter-dependent games.

Lessons from the past might be useful. Curtailing the four home countries' fixtures to two, so that incoming touring parties played only Wales and Ireland or Scotland and England, but not all four, was a retrograde step. There remains the dissatisfaction of not knowing what the two excluded countries might have done. An integrated series inspires an accumulating interest, as the recent contests between the Springboks and the All Blacks demonstrated.

That Australia, in their negotiations with England, should be attempting to revive a grand-slam series of matches is to be welcomed. Were it to come about, it would be a pre-Christmas appetiser well worth savouring. Indeed, the old system of a touring team before Christmas, with some modifications in the number of three international fixtures. and a European championship afterwards might better suit the professional needs of the game.

Rugby, like cricket, values the tradition of the series. It ought to be maintained, not simply for sentimental reaing, promotional and financial reasons. Rugby needs not saturation but thrilling, vivid

COMPLETE GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

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Slough v Hednesford ... Stalybridge v Northwich

Stevenage v Bromsgrove
 Welling v Tellord
 Woking v Rushden and Diamonds

PRESS AND JOURNAL HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Brora v Neith; Bucker v Clachneoutch, Fortes v Devenovale; Fort Wilkarn v Bight, Peterhead v Cove; Rothes v Natm Co, Wick v Hurity.

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Walton and Hersham v Bognor Regist
Worthing v Theme Second division: Bedford
v Met Police; Brachreal v Chalton's S Pater.
Coller Row and Rombord v Whytenhos,
Downg v Windson and Elon: Eighan v
Learberhead, Eghan v Barstleer; Leighton v
Hernel Hempstead; (Brow v Chasthur; Ware
v Horsham, Wembey v Barsing; Witham v
Hungerlord. Third division: Brainne v
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Thurnot; Northwood v Hornchurch, Tring v
Wesidstone Menor tucholom SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Ameratem v Istinaton SI Manya, Britmadown v Beaconsteld STCOB; Harnelet v Harmett, Harnely v Barlengende: SI Mengenstbury v Russign Menor; totlenham Omeda v Brook House; Woodland v Halingdon Brom

FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Deny v Sharmock (7.30), Home Farm v Dundali. (7.30) Shield Competition: Southern section: Galway v Competition: Solution of Section A: Coleraine Kilheriny (7 30).

SUN LIFE GOLD CUP: Section A: Coleraine v Portadown; Newry v Bangor Section B: Crusaders v Ballyments: Larne v Ards Section C: Carrick v Citinonville; Omagh v Gientoran Section D: Ballyclare v Limbelt; Section C. Carrick v Citinonile; Omagit v Giernoran Section D: Ballyclare v Linfeld; Giernoran Section D: Ballyclare v Linfeld; Giernoran v Distillory MIDLANDS LEAGUE-Premier division: Beggleswarde v Toddington; Buckingnam Air v Langiond; Hoddiesdran v Bedford, Leichworth v Protiers Bar. London Colney v Harpenden, Mitton Keynes v Arleese; Royston v Brache SCHEWFIX LEAGUE: Premier division: Backwell v Bioleford, Barnstaple v Bridgwell v Bioleford, Barnstaple v Chard; Birnore v Bristington; Odd Down v Treatton; Paulton v Westbury; Taunton v Chippentram; Tomington v Mangostfield, JEWISON WESSEX LEAGUE: Pinz division: Lewison Wessex LEAGUE: Pinz division: Lymington v BAT, Totton v Whistmurch: Aerostructures v Petersheld; Bournemouth v Ryde Sy; Brockentrust v Gosport, Christichurch v Andover; Cowes Sp v Thatcham; Eastleigh v Bernenton Heath; Romsey v E Cowes; Wirnborne v Porismouth
WinstStoll, Famersham v Hyths; Folkesarre Inv v Greenwich; Furness v Herns Ber; Lordswood v Carierbury; Ramsgate; v Dayl; Shappey v Crockerfini; Sade Green v Challem; Turbridge Wells v Thamasmead HELLENG LEAGUE: Premier division: Barbstry v Amondstsuy; Burnism v N Laight; Carerton v Brackey; Endsteigh v Abringdon U. Highworth v Tuffiey, Kindbury v Fairford, Larriboum Sp v Dictor; Shortwood v Biodester; Swindon Supermarine v Warstage.

UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE Premier division: Ford v Desborough: Hobeach v M Blackstone, S Needs v Cogenhoe; Soeiding v Newport Pagneti; Stamford v Potton; S and L Corby v Kernston; Stockid v Boston; Welling-borough v Eynesbury; Wootton v Northampton Sp.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANDE: Blocwich v Baherhall, Hindbey Air v W Mids Potoe, Krypersley v Bridgmorth; Roosster v Oldbury, Sandwell v Stapenhei; Shifnal v Pelsal, Stratford v Orasetown; Wilenhall v Rushell.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Colerbit v Medr NA: Coverity Sph v Southam, Kernkorith v David Lloyd, Kings H v Botehal; Rockmord v Knowie; Shafey v Weldesbourne; W Mids Fire Service v Bilston
BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Brownch v Stoutport, Brendy Hill v Wednestield, Gornal v Stafford 7, Ludlaw v Trevolate, Liye v Cradiey, Wishall Wood v Mavern; Westheids v Darlaston; Wolverheartylon C v Etingolati, Wolverheartylon C ov Etingolati, Wolverheartylon C ov Etingolati, Wolverheartylon C v Etingolatin; Porterby v Hallent, Cosett A v Ploteering, Porterby v North-Henn LEAGUE: First division: Chesar-Le-Street v Easington: Crook v Sociation; Duhem v Consett Gussborough v Morpelit, Mutton v Whickham; RTM Mewasette v Badington Text, Seatham RS v Shidon: Tow Lyev v Shilogham

TOMORROW

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RUGBY UNION Courage Clubs Championship First division Wasps v Leicester (at Loftus Road, 3.0) ...

Ebbw Vale v Newport (2.30).... HOCKEY WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Premier division:
Cofton v Hightown. Dorncaster v Tropass;
Ipswich v Sutton Canada Life. Stough v
Balsam Leaster. First division: Bractinell v
Sunderland Bedans Canterbury v Bradford
Swithenburk; Olton v Blueharts; Wimple
on v Chelmsford. Second division: Ealing
v Woking; Loughborough v Sherwood: Old
Loughtonians v Ermouth; St Athans v West
Witney

CRICKET 10 30, final day of four DERBY: Darbyshire v Durham CHELMSFORD: Essex v Glamorgan BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Kani,

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v

Nottinghamshire LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Middlesex NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Yorkshire THE CVAL: Surrey v Worcestershire HOVE: Sussex v Somerset EDGBASTON; Warwickshire v OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budwelser League: Shef-field v Chester (5.30), Leoparda v Newcastle (7.0), London v Manchester (7.15), EQUESTRIAMSM: Blenheim Horse Trials GOLF: Softem Cup (St Pierre, Chapsiow) Loch Lomond World Invitational (Glasgow) ICE HOCKEY: Superleague: Ayr y Besingdoke (6.0), Newcastle y Sheffield (6.30); Manchester y Brackrell (6.0), Carolli y Notingham (6.0). v voxongnam (6.0).
MOTOR SPORT: Auto Trader RAC touring car champorating (Brands Hatch).
SPEEDWAY: Premier Langue; Eastbourne v Swindon (3.30): Sootitish Monarchis v Poterborough (6.30). Conference Langue; Busion v Barwek (3.0). Linkfrigow v Peterborough (2.30)

VOLLEYBALL: Women's national league: First division: Selford v Leeds (2:15); Bruanne Music City v Guldford (2:0); Esser v Birmingham (12:30), Shelfield v Orprigion BUDWISSER LEAGUE; Derby v Hemel Hempstead (7:30), Lecester v Crystet Paleca (7:30); Birmingham, v Sheffled (7:30), Tharmas Valley v Worthing (8:0).

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE First division: Burscaugh v Alherton Col; Darwen v Glossop NE; Eastwood H v St Helens; Hoher OB v Newcastle T: Mossley v Catherie, Perinth v Chadderton, Presch v Backpool Hrs; Rossendale v Mane Rd, Sallord v Bootle, Trafford v Kdsgrove. SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsensi v Wathord 111 0): Cherhon v Portsmouth (11.0); Cherhon v Borswich (11.0); Gillinghem v Cambridge (10.45); Mitwell v Totenham (11.0), Nonwich v OPR (11.0); Southend v Ruffern (11.0); West Ham v Leyton Overal (11.0), Second division: Brentford v Barnet (11.0); Brighton v Bournemouth (11.0); Brisch (1.0); Brighton v Bournemouth (11.0); Brisch (1.0); Colchester v Oxford Utd (12.0); Luton v Crystal Palace (11.0), Reading v Swindor (11.0); Southermoion v Totterham (11.0)
ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premiler division: Cholmeleans v Critiquellars, Foresters v SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First

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OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardinal Manning v Hamptonians; Aloysans v Lahymer, Kingoburlans v Tentsoniens; Meadornans v Ignetiens, Vaughanians v Capharn. Sentor Brist division: Enfeld v Salvetonians; Danes v Phoenic Manoritans v Walsonians; Sutionans v Westermans, Tiffinians v Cherbey.

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SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Crouch End v Carshalton: Eard advision: Crouch End v Carshalton: Eard Barnet OS v West Wickham; Norsemen v Nat West. O Esthameians v O Actorilans; Polysochnic v O Parmitenens; South Bank v Civi Service Second division: Bercleys v Lensbury; Olaco v Kew Assoc; O Latymenans v O Parkonlans, O Lyonian v O Salections. Thind division: Allegin OB v O Westminister Citis: Bank of England v Menton: Brandham v O Owers, tota v Reigasie Priory; Midland v Drommitals. Southgare Oly v O Bromiletens

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SCHOOLS MATCHES (fock-off 10.30),
Northern Merit: Trafford v Leeds Interessociation: Under 15 Doncaster v Derby;
Grimsby v Hull; Huddersteld v Spen Valley;
Uverpool v Chester, Rotherham v Sheffleid;
SI Hallons v Wakefleid, Sunderland v
Coventry

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Beeston v Hull (Highfields, Nottingham, 1 30): Blueharis v Indian Gymfriana (Hitchin Boys School, 2:0): Bournwille v Isca (King Edward's Girls School, Birmingham, 2 30), Bromby v Lawes (Phory Leisure Centre, Orphinton, 12:0): Brooklands v Oxford Hawks (Brookslands SC, Sale, 2:0): Cay of Portsmouth v Oxford University (Alexandra Park, Portsmouth, 1 30): Crostyx v Shaffield (Chigwell, 1 0), Frebtands v Stoupport (Gordano School, Portishead, 1 0), Gloucasiar Chy v Trojans (Picck Court, 1 30): Harieston Magpies v Warmington (Shotlord Heath, 1.0), Edgbaston v St Albana (Birmingham University, Edgbaston, 12 30).

12:30).
SCOTTISH LEAGUES: Men: League Cup:
Clae Keburne v Watsonians; Insights
Menzieshill v Western Grasshopper, Edinburgh University v D and T Gordonians,
Invertialt v Grange. National League:
Second division; Perthaline v Clydescale;
Steppe v Commerc Camegie; Storcachs
AGSEP v Harts: Pender Uddingston v
Grove DHS. Women: National League:
First division: Abordeen Bon Accord v
Western A. Edinburgh Ladies v Western
Kick Photopoint, Menzieshill v Hyndland
Grassport: Royal High Gymnasts v
Bonagrass Grove.

BASKETBALL

Courage Clubs Championship First division Bristol v Harlequins Gloucester v Bath (2.15)... London Insh v Sale Northampton v Orrell Second division Bedford v Richmond Coventry v Wakefield London Scottish v Waterioo

Third division Exeter v Harrogate Fylde v Walsali Havent v Citton Liverpool St Helens v Morley Otley v Redruith
Reading v Lydney
Rosslyn Park v London Welsh
Wharledale v Leeds

Fourth division north Birminoham/Solihuli v Stoke-on-Trent Preston Grasshoppers v Sheffield Sandal v Aspalna Stourbridge v Worcester Winnington Park v Hereford Fourth division south

Barking v Plymouth
Berry Hitl v Newbury
Chariton Park v High Wycombe
Chettenham v North Welsham
Henley v Camberley
Matt Poline v Astronome Weston-super-Mare v Tabard

Waston-super-Marre v Tabard

SOUTH WEST: First division: Bristom v
Barnslapie, Carthome v Bridgwess, Leunceston's Stroud, Masson v Stives; SalisburyMaridenteed, Torquay v Gloucesier OB
LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: First division: Basingstoke v Ruterly, Haston v
Southest, Old Coffigers v Guidend and
Godairming, Old Mid-Writightsins v Esher;
Stames v Thurrock; Sutton and Epsam v
Sudbury, Wimbledon v Norwich
MDLANDS; First division: Broad Street v
Sarkers Abits; Burton v Wolverhampton;
Campatal v Writchurch; Desby v Westleigh,
Hinckley Syston; Lanningon v Stockwood
Park; Leighton Buzzard v Staffond; Mansfield
v Scarthorpe
NOTTH: First division; Bradford and Bingley
v Stockton, Brookington v Macceletteid; Hull
Johlans v Broughton Park; Sedgley Park
v Tyredde, Widnes v New Brighton; West Park
Sysminopa v Wigton
Welsh Leadura

Welsh League First division Bridgend v Naeth (2.30)

Durvant v Pontypridd (2.30)

Llanelli v Swansee (2.30)

Newbridge v Cardiff (2.30) Treorchy v Caerphilly (2.30)

Second division Abertillery v Abercynon (2 30) Bonymaen v Cerdiff Inst. ... (Bonymaen v Cerdiff inst. (2 30) Cross Keys v Llandovery (2 30) Meesteg v Aberavon (2 30) Pontypool v Blackwood (2 30) SW Potce v Ystradgynlais (2 30) SW Police v Ystradgyrteis (2:30)
THIRD DMSION: Tredegar v Buildt Wells,
humosy v Perseth: Terby Utd v Lishterar;
Merthyl v Narberth; Mourteen Ash v Tondu;
Pyla v Kenfig Hil.
SWALEC CUP: Second round: Aberavon
Green Soars v St Josephs; Abercam v
Pembroks; Abercare v Haverbordwest, Amman Uv Cwmgons; Ammanford v Beensvort;
Beddau v Maestep Outris, Sethesda v St
Davids, Prehighore v Perschardt; Baensu
Gwern v Abersenor; Bridgerd Ath v Bargoed;
Bridgerd Sp v Mormouth; Briton Ferry v
Millord Haven; Burry Port v Llandelo; Byres v
Langwin, Cardiff Medics v Dinas Powys; Cardigan v Nelson; Carmarthen Ath v Llantwit Farrire; Chepation v Hinvaun; Croesyceilog v Cartion; Chynani v Brecon, Cwmbran v St Albans; Cwmgach v Caldicot, Dolgalau v Bagtan, Harrindge HSOB v Giflach Goch, Höhybush v Farwater, Lampeter Col v Gorseinon; Laughame v Cwmavor, Llanell Wanderens v Newstattle Emiyn, Llangennech v Treharber; Momston v Trehance, Mumbles v Tabach, Nanythjon v Pentan; Neath Ath v Nersyswyth, New Tradegar v RTB Ebbw Vsle; Old Bigyters v Cumilynfel, Pencoed v Porthychm; Pentygag v Cillynydd; Pff Harr v Goweron, Pontacrisme v Pornicymmer; Puhali v Barwen; Fisca v Gwernyled; Ruthur v Phyl and Dist, Senghenydd v Pontyberen; Taffs Well v Porthoaw, Tajwan v Brynnamir; Trones v Glas, Watstown v Aberdare, Wrestern v Fleur-de-Lys, Ynysybwl v Cowbridge; Ystalaiera v Brynnoch Tennents Premiership

Tennents Premiership First division Hawlok v Watsonians Heriot's FP v Stirring County Jed-Forest v Currie Second division

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Biggar v Keiso
Glasgow Ht. v Edinburgh Acads
Gala v Dundee HSFP
West of Scotland v Glasgow Acads THIRD DYSIGN: Hitcasky v Mussaburgh, Peables v Kilmarmock, Preston Lodge v Gas-gow Southern, Stewart 7 Methrist FY Selfett, Fourth division: Ayr v Haddington, Corson-others v Grangemouth; Hitlead/Jordanhili v Glenriches; Langholm v Gordonars. Irish Inter-provincial chamoionshio

CRICKET Britannic Assurance county championship 10 30. third day of four, 104 overs maymum DERBY: Derbyshire v Durham CHELMSFORD: Essex v Glamorgan BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Keni SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Notonghamshire LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Middlesen

NORTHAMPTON: Northampronshire v Yorkshire THE OVAL: Surrey v Worcestershire HOVE: Sussex v Somerset EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Severley v Sackiewonts.
Egremont v Dudley Hill; Mayfield v LockLane, Okinam Si Annes v Heworth, W Hufv
Leigh MW; Wigan Sr Patricis v Wisoleton
First division: E Leeds v Assam. Essimoor v
Culton, Leigh East v Wigen St Judas. Million
v Blacktrook, Thorthal v Barrow Is, Walrey
Central v Miologreen Second division:
Ecoles v Normangon, Featherstone Ann vhull
Ooclers, New Earswick v Midror, Oversien v
Riddie, Shaw Cross v Dewsbury Moor.
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ECUESTRIANISM: Blenheim Horse Trials

GCLF: Sohem Cup (Sr Piere, Chepstow).
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CE HOCKEY: Superleague: Notingham v
Beengestok (7 8), Shoffeld v Manchester

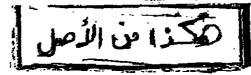
(7.0), Bractonel v Cardiff (8.0).

SPEEDWAY: Premier Leegue: Covertry v
Eastbourne (7 30). Conference Leegue:
Swindon v Eastbourne (7 30)
TENNIS: Davis Cup: Euro-African zoneGroup two. Gross Britan v Egypt (Wimbledom LTA satelise tournament (Birtembach

VOLLEYBALL: National League: Matt. First
christon: Lewistern v Leeds (2-20), Esting v

Crofton (7.0), Whitefeld v City of States (7.0),
Warnick v Touring (6-30), Liverproot v Wesser

(5 30). OTHER SPORT



GOLF

Critics pin failure on new target

BY MEL WEBB

able. Players in the Loch World Invitational this week have been unable to complain about the tees, fairways, bunkers or greens - all are as near perfect as makes no difference. Yesterday, how-ever, their relentless search for something to gripe about found a target. The pin placements. apparently, left some-thing to be desired — and then

Players formed an orderly queue to weigh in with their fourpennyworth; the air was thick with hyperbole. Disgusting," said some: "dis-graceful," wailed others; "appalling." cried more. Never has so much hot air been spilt by so many over so little.

The main source of their complaints was that the powers-that-be on the PGA European Tour had laid some tough pin placements on this most spectacular of golf courses. That, given a robust breeze that swept round the tree-lined layout, plus the fact that the greens were, it was claimed, too hard to fly the ball at the flag. left the players

frustrated and angry.

Peter O'Malley, of Australia, is a tough individual who is not normally prone to gratuitous grousing, so it was out of character when he launched into a critique of the though, the greens are in Al

SOME people are never flags. He implied that whoev-happy unless they are miser-er had decided where to position them should be shot, or at the very least fired.

Others, such as Frank Nobilo, the personable New Zealander who has a winning way with words and the golf game to go with it, and Gordon Sherry, the lofty young Scot, had their say, too. "I've played in 16 events in Europe this year, and some-

thing like this has happened in

six or seven of them." Nobilo

said, "but nothing ever seems to get done." Sherry, the touring professional at Loch Lomond, said that he was "disappointed" with the pins, and not even Thomas Bjorn, whose 69 left him with a one-shot lead on 139, three under par, was

entirely happy. "The pins are really diffi-cult, especially with the wind," he said. "If you start missing them on the wrong side, you're going to have some tough putts. I would like the greens to be a little softer."

It was easy to understand the players' unhappiness, but less easy to sympathise with them. They had a more than justified point when they sounded off about the putting surfaces in the British Masters at Collingtree Park three weeks ago. They were dreadful, with knobs on. This week,



Sherry, who knows the Loch Lomond course, was "disappointed" with the pins

condition. The phrase that comes irresistibly to mind is

put up or shut up". Meanwhile, Robert Allenby, who had four birdies and as many bogeys in his 71 to share second place with Jean Van de Velde, one ahead of Nick Faldo, Jamie Spence and Darren Clark, proved himself

a contender whether the con-ditions are as awful as they were when he won the British Masters or as good as they are at Loch Lomond.

He did not much like the pins either. "Eight of them were just ridiculous," he said. Van de Velde loved them — he had a course-record 65, includ-

ing only 11 putts on the back nine. "The greens were pure." he said, thus proving the perversity of professional golfers. It is amazing — give a man a decent score, and all is right with the world. Give him a 79, and the selfsame world is about to collapse around his

HOCKEY: REVAMPED FORMAT AND RULE CHANGE SIGNAL LAUNCH OF NATIONAL LEAGUE SEASON

Beeston out to catch the eye as new look sweeps in

By Sydney Friskin

THE National League starts today with a new format and the official implementation of a worldwide decision to eliminate the offside rule as a temporary measure. In recent practice matches, clubs have already begun to enforce this latest change.

The league was originally restructured to allow 24 teams in the new-look first division. With the withdrawal of Slough, this number has been reduced

and the aim is for a further cut to 20 within the next two seasons. The premier division, made up in its first season of 12 teams playing one another on a home and away basis, will start next weekend.

All eyes are on Beeston, winners last season of the second division, which has been scrapped in favour of the new format. They will be hoping to gain admission to the premier division from the first and their latest recruits include Danny Williams, from Southgate, Paul Sheardown and Richard Stamp, who joined them from Doncaster.

Gavin Featherstone returns to coach Oxford University, runners-up last season to Beeston. Oxford have lost four players from their squad of last year, but recent reinforcements include Nicholas Pirihi and John Mac-Cormick, both from New Zealand. The new captain, Matthew Barr, is also a

When Sheardown takes the field for

Beeston today, he will be playing against his former club, Hull, who are bound to miss his services in the forward line. Indian Gymkhana, visiting Blueharts, have snapped up sev-

eral players from Slough.

Bournville, relegated from the first division last season, have several new faces in the side for the trip to Isca. These include Chris Kent, from Indian Gymkhana, James Clement, Chris Graham and Richard McCollum, all formerly with Harborne.

Diego gives hotel the hands-on treatment

YOU read it here first - well, don't you always? Diego is going to come and play in the Premiership. In fact, Chelsea are on the very brink of signing him on a match-to-match basis. That, at any rate, is the talk in Buenos Aires, after Diego's recent dinner in London with his old pal. Gianluca Vialli, a Serie A player who has turned to English footy and Chelsea. In fact, the Argen-

about it. They are already furious with "English pirates", this being in any case a bit of national stereotyping. Diego is quoted as saying: "I'd like to play in the English champ-ionship, because it has now become as important as the Italian." Further credence is given to the story because Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea manager, is "a friend of

Argentina".

The story remains ongoing despite Diego's visit to Chelsea last Sunday, in which he was turned away by a bouncer/jobsworth because his clothes did not meet the high standards they expect at Chelsea. Life, however, is a troublesome business, and that counts double for Diego. He is having psychotherapy in Spain under the Argentinian psychiatrist, Jacobo Zubcoff, "Drug-dependent people can be treated, but only on condition that the patient really wants to be cured," Zubcoff said. "Diego needs appropriate, persona-

lised treatment." Diego, in a rage after getting stuck in a lift, impro-vised on his personalised treatment by smashing up a hotel in Alicante this week. He broke the lift doors and then had a go at the furni-ture; the hotel agreed not to prosecute after Diego promised to cough up. Meanwhile, Diego's manager, Guillermo Coppola, said that Diego's playing future was unclear: "He has a contract with Boca Juniors, but he has also received offers from Japan and England."

Growing pains

Rugby union's deathbed conversion to modernism is all very well, but I wish they would remember the immutable law of Stephen Potter: "Gambits are for use, and not for overuse." The latest

SIMON BARNES

tinians are not too happy

On Saturday

wacky message from Twick-enham is headed: "RFU goes for Gilbert's balls", beneath which follows information to the effect that, yes, the Rugby Football Union has renewed its contract with James Gilbert, the rugby ball manufacturer. Highly amusing, gentlemen: no doubt you will grow out of it in time.

Jellyfish facts Wimbledon Football Club take the week's jape award for their open letter to Gary Lineker, in which they called him a jellyfish. This is an old score dating back to Lineker's much-quoted remark that the only way to watch Wimbledon is on Ceefax. Fact: Lineker never actually said this. On February 14, 1995, after a painful match between Leeds United and Wimbledon, Lineker merely said that the first half of that match was so bad you might as well have watched it on Ceefax. But Wimbledon

need their enemies - how

would they survive if they

Lineker: jellyfish attack

did not believe that the world

Half a million bucks for a

Base rate

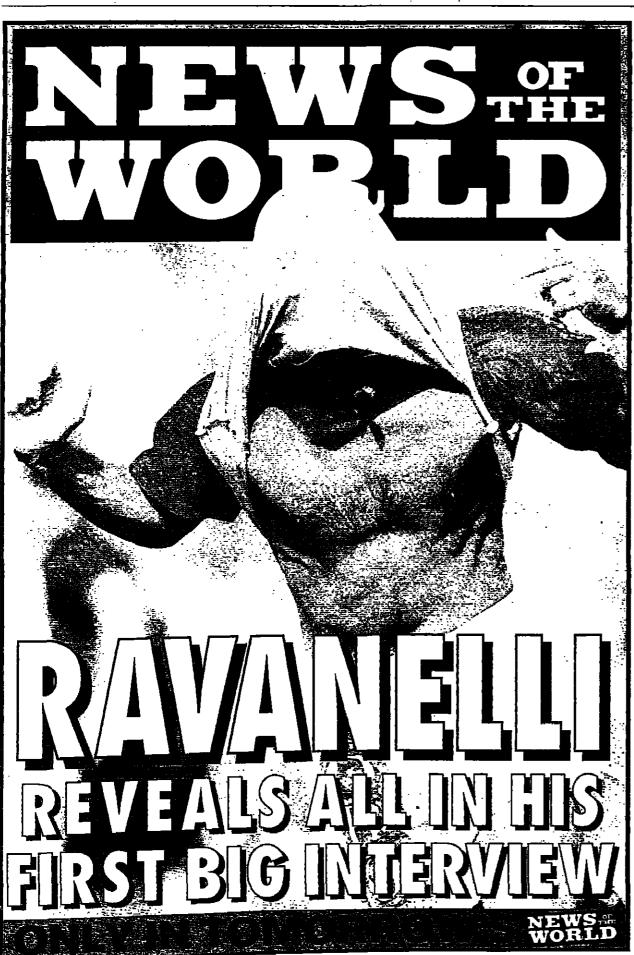
baseball? Not even a new one, but one that has been well-clobbered. This is the highest price paid for a chunk of sporting memorabilia, the previous record being \$451,000 (£290,000). paid by the ice hockey player. Wayne Gretzky, for a base-ball card depicting Honus Wagner. But now Michael Lasky has paid \$500,000 for the ball that Eddie Murray struck to register his 500th home run. Danny Jones, sitting in the cheap seats when he caught it, has made a decent profit on his entrance money. In memorabilia circles, the consensus is that Lasky is barking. Donald Flanagan, of Christies, said that the ball was worth between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

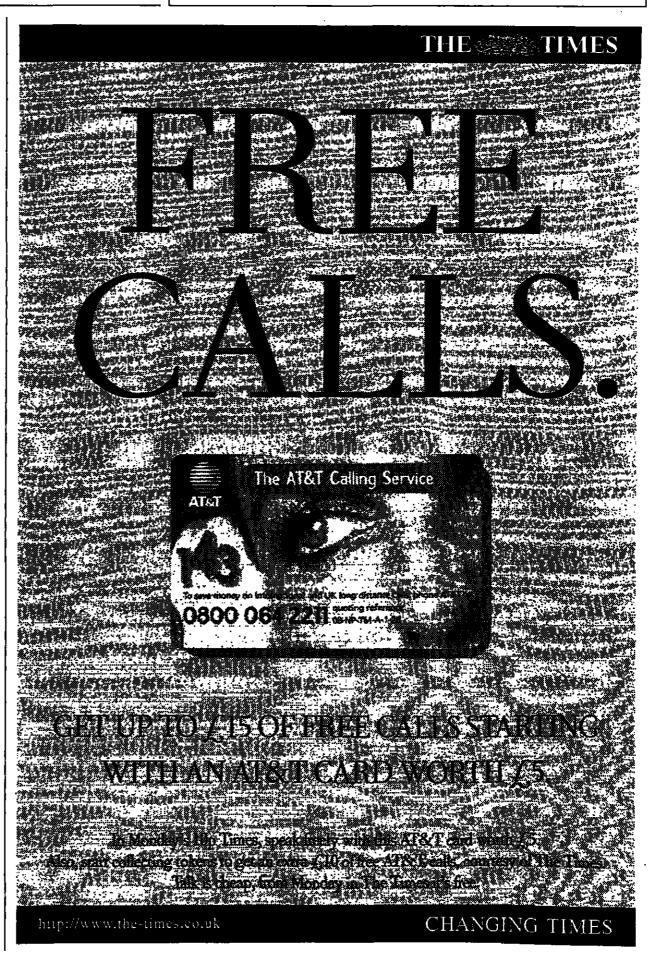
Bog days

"Dear Mr Barnes: Having recently competed in the world bog-snorkelling championships in Wales, I was disappointed that there was no mention of this worthy event in The Times . . . As an alternative to the pages of coverage that other minority sports such as football and cricket receive, it may be a consideration for next year. Yours sincerely, Jonathan Maiden." Some may imagine that Mr Maiden is attempting a hoax, but bogsnorkelling does exist as a sport. However, I missed the event this year and have no details other than Mr Maiden's participation to pass on.

Breath stroke

Power booster: Jennie Marx writes to give me her recipe for garlic mayonnaise "certain to cause the opposition to collapse the scrum and avoid high tackles ... for a single serving, two tablespoons of natural yogurt, two tablespoons of mayonnaise, two large cloves of garlic crushed. salt and pepper. Beat all the ingredients together, refrigerate for an hour. Spread generously over any meat or pasta". Mrs Marx thus wins herself a bottle of ambrosial Nicolas Feuillatte cham-pagne plus, of course, *Le Bric* for her horse or guinea-pig.





TENNIS: DAVIS CUP PROMOTION BECKONS AFTER TWIN TRIUMPH OVER EGYPT

Henman and Rusedski put Britain on course

By ALIX RAMSAY

WIMBLEDON in September seldom inspires memories of the great moments of British tennis, but, on a cold, drab day on No I Court, Great Britain took a decisive step towards promotion in the Davis Cup. Straight-sets wins for Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski in the match against Egypt put Britain within one match of promotion from group two of the Euro-African zone and a chance to move further up the ladder next year.

In theory, yesterday's opening singles rubbers should have been simple and straightforward. On ranking alone, Henman and Rusedski are head and shoulders above the best that Egypt has to offer. Both men have traded blows with the best in the world on the world's most famous courts. By contrast, Tamer el Sawy, the top

RESULTS

SINGLES

Great Britan players named first
G Rusedski bit T el Sawy 6-2, 6-4, 7-5
T Henman bit A Ghoneim 6-0, 6-4, 7-5
SCHEDULE: Today: (1 45pm start) N Broad and
M Patchey v el Sawy, and Ghoneim Tomorow
(11am): Henman v el Sawy, Rusedski v Choneim.

Egypt player, is still earning his corn on the challenger circuit.

Rusedski's record for Britain in Davis Cup tennis is unblemished—played six, won six—but, back on the daily grind of the ATP tour, this has not been his most profitable year. Putting himself within a few points of beating the top players, he has failed to take his opportunities. Against el Sawy yesterday, he was determined to

take the initiative from the start.
However, the match was suspended for 45 minutes after four games, when a spectator was taken ill in the north stand and had to receive treatment from the para-



Rusedski: perfect record

medics. With Rusedski's powers of concentration in doubt, such interruptions do little for the confidence. But, serving a total of 16 aces, he was never in trouble. After an hour and 36 minutes of play, it was all over 6-2, 6-4, 7-5.

With Egypt's No 1 safely dispatched. Heriman's task against Amr Ghoneim, the world No 522, seemed easy. Until the second point, that was. As he moved to return the Ghoneim service, "I tried to move one way and my legs were having none of it," Henman said. Ending up sprawled on the grass, the greatest fear for David Lloyd, the Britain captain, was that he had aggravated the groin strain that has kept him out of action for the past two weeks.

In the end the fears were unfounded and Henman raced away with the first set in 20 minutes without dropping a game. But that was when the problems really started. Ghoneim gradually grew in confidence while Henman could not keep his mind on the job. By the third set the nerves were jangling on the British bench, as Ghoneim broke for a 5-3 lead and held a point to take the set.

"I felt the match was under control," Henman said, "but that is when you can be vulnerable. When you're ahead in a match, you have to keep pushing on, you have to keep putting the nails in the coffin. And he also started to play better."

But you do not get to be No 33 in the world by letting matches slip through your fingers. Henman broke back immediately, pinning Ghoneim down with some dipping returns that caught his advancing opponent unawares. Back on level terms at 5-5, normal service was resumed and Henman broke again to leave himself the relatively simple task of serving for the match

to win 6-0, 6-4, 7-5.

Maybe the result had not been quite as easy as it had looked on paper, but two wins on the board puts Britain in the driving seat with the chance to put the tie beyond doubt today, when Neil Broad and Mark Petchey play el Sawy and Ghoneim in the doubles.

"We knew when we played against Monaco last year that we had a good team, but we needed to prove it." Henman said. "Now that we have three good wins under our belts, and we are 2-0 up here, we are very confident. We have been clear favourites in every match so far and sometimes it is a little embarrassing to be playing in division two with a team of this standard. It is very important for us to get out of this group and back up where we belong."



Gaudenzi gives Italy advantage

By Our Sports Staff

ITALY and Sweden grasped the early initiative by winning the opening singles in their respective Davis Cup semi-finals against France and the Czech Republic yesterday. In Nantes, Andrea Gaudenzi rallied from a set down to beat Cedric Pioline 5-7, 6-1, 7-6, 6-3 while in Prague, Thomas Enqvist defeated Petr Korda in straight sets.

Having beaten Denmark and Germany 5-0. France started warm favourites against Italy on the fast Greenset surface in Nantes. The Italians had won their earlier rounds on the slow clay courts in Rome.

After dropping the first set, Gaudenzi raced into a 4-0 lead in the second and took it 6-I to level the match. The Italian made another good start in the third, leading 3-0, but Pioline fought back to force the tie-break, only to lose it 7-4. Service breaks proliferated in the fourth set and, at 3-5, Pioline dropped his for the ninth, and last, time in the match. In the second singles, Arnaud Boetsch, of France, was due to play Renzo Furlan.

On an indoor carpet surface in Prague, Enqvist's powerful service proved the decisive factor against Korda, who double faulted frequently and dropped his service in the fifth game to lose the first set 6-4. Korda put Enqvist under greater pressure in the second set and enjoyed six break points. However, the Swede managed to hold service and went on to win the

A fluctuating third set went to a tie-break but Korda's inability to take break points—he squandered a further four—saw Enqvist take it 11-9 to complete a 6-4. 6-3. 7-6 victors:

victory.
In the second singles match, Stefan Edberg was due to play Daniel Vacek. Edberg suffered from inflammation of the Achilles tendon during the recent US Open but was passed fit to play as Sweden attempted to avoid their second successive semi-final exit. Twelve months ago, the Swedes went out to the United States.

Coincidentally, it was the Czech Republic who knocked the United States out this year, the Americans having played without their leading four players in their quarterfinal defeat, in Prague, in April. EQUESTRIANISM

King takes lead after confident dressage

By Jenny MacArthur

MARY KING, the favourite to win the Blenheim Vauxhall Monterey International Horse Trials, rode serenely into the lead on the eight-year-old King Solomon after a confident dressage test yesterday that has given them a 1.6-point lead over Pippa Funnell, the winner last year, on Anne Burner's The Tourmaline Rose.

There is little room for complacency, however. Three horses — including Mark Todd on his Gatcombe winner, Vambi Charbonière — are lying less than four points behind in joint-third place and only ten points separate the top 14 riders. With the cross-country course today reckoned to be the most demanding there has been at Blenheim, the dressage scores may quickly be put in perspective.

King, the winner of every significant British event in the past month, including the Burghley Horse Trials, will not be easy to dislodge. King Solomon has barely put a foot wrong, finishing first and second in his two previous three-day events — Compiègne and Le Lion d'Angers — and finishing second behind his stablemate King William in the British Open last month

"The course is well within his limits," King said. "and he has never run out at a corner fence yet — but there's always a first time." She has the additional advantage of going last — horses are running in reverse order of merit — which means she can revise her route if any of the fences she is concerned about, particularly Fence 9 in the main arena and the double of corners at 20, are not jumping well.

Funnell is not so confident. The Tourmaline Rose, a seven-year-old grey mare, had a run-out at the infamous Fence 5 at Gatcombe and then spooked and refused to go near the fence. At Bramham in June, Funnell had to pull her up three fences from the end because the mare, who is kept with her owner in between events, was "cooked".

The fitness problem is unlikely to recur. Furnell has had the mare at home in the three weeks before Blenheim and has got her much leaner than she was at Bramham. The horse's ability has never been in doubt. Furnell's husband, William, the international show-jumper, has already tried to pinch her because of her "unbelievable" jump. "She'll either go brilliantly tomorrow or the reverse." Furnell said.

Todd will be quick to capitalise on any mistakes. The nine-year-old Vambi Charbonière has not been the easiest of horses — he fell at Brigstock at the beginning of the season — but he is now going sweetly for the dual Olympic champion and comes to Blenheim at the top of his form after his convincing win at Gatcombe three weeks ago.

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IN BRIEF

Shah keeps Sri Lanka waiting for victory

THE oldest member of the Zimbabwe team. 37-year-old left-hander Ali Shah. scored his maiden Test half-century to frustrate Sri Lankan hopes of winning the second Test inside three days yesterday. Shah. going in with Zimbabwe nine for one after starting their second innings 209 runs behind. battled to a dogged, unbeaten 62 in 287 minutes to help his side end the day on 162 for six.

Zimbabwe still need a further 47 runs to avoid an innings defeat after Sri Lanka had earlier taken their first innings score to 350 for eight declared, with Hashan Tillekeratne recording a personal Test best of 126 not out.

Allan Border, the former Australia captain, and the feared newball attack of the Eighties. Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thomson, will reunite to face the West Indians in a limited-overs match. Michael Holding is also expected to line up against his countrymen in the traditional opening tour match against the Australian Cricket Board XI in Perth on November 4.

Flying start

Tennis: Britain's Under-2! women's team made a successful start in their defence of the Maureen Connolly Trophy against the United States in Austin, Texas, vesterday. They ended the first of three days of competition 3-1 up. with victories from Jo Ward and Mandy Wright, and from Claire Taylor and Lizzie Jelfs in the doubles. Britain needs to win only three further rubbers for victory.

Lee well placed

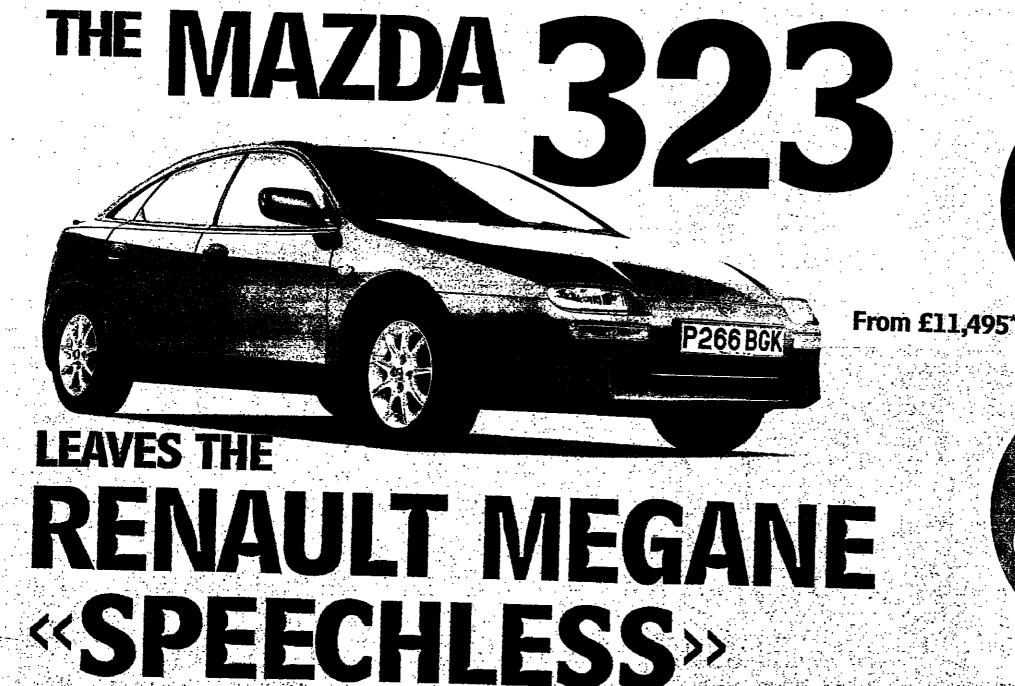
Golf: Robert Lee goes into the final round of the Eulen Open Galea in Bilbao, Spain. today chasing his second European Challenge Tour win of the season. Lee. from London, had a third round of 71 for a five-under-par total of 211. the same as José Sota, a 23-year-old cousin of the Ryder Cup captain. Severiano Ballesteros. They are one shot behind the leader. Stephen Scahill, of Australia.

Race in doubt

Speedway: Promoters are threatening to drop the British grand prix from the international calendar next year because, under present arrangements, they do not receive any of the sponsorship money generated by the event to offset the expense of organising it. Terry Russell, the British Speedway Promoters' Association chairman, said: "We are considering whether to stage it or not."

Final four

Tennis: Chris Wilkinson, the No I seed from Hampshire, will face Federico Rovia. of Sweden, in the semi-final of the LTA Autumn Satellite tournament at the Wirral today. Nick Weal, also of Hampshire, meets Andrew Richardson, of Lincolnshire, to decide the other finalist.



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CRICKET: SUPREME INNINGS BY WEST INDIAN REINFORCES LEICESTERSHIRE'S STRANGLEHOLD ON COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Title deeds of Simmons Supply proof of tenure

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

four): Leicestershire, with two first-innings wickets in hand. lead Middlesex by 191 runs

IN BRIEF

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OFFICIAL endorsement must wait, possibly until tomorrow. but the county championship was effectively decided yesterday. Leicestershire, playing the cricket of a supremely confident side, utterly domi-nated Middlesex and cannot now be caught as long as they avoid what seems a barely conceivable defeat.

Appropriately, on a day that brought a large and euphoric crowd to Grace Road, Phil Simmons was the central figure. Simmons, powerful, wholehearted and genuine, has been the outstanding county player of the year and Leicester has embraced him with an idolatry seldom afforded to imports. Yesterday he was their enforcer.

Middlesex had begun the day optimistic of making their

TOP OF TABLE

Points include bonus points from current round of matches

total of 190 seem competitive. Two wickets in the first halfhour lent weight to the view. But a stand of 138 between a steely James Whitaker, the captain, and Affab Habib put the leaders in front and Simmons then bestrode the remainder of a blustery day, finishing five short of his third century inside a week.

That the talking points were not confined to Leicestershire's position owes everything to Mike Gatting. Few cricketers have the stature and the bloody-mindedness to attract headlines in such a situation but it was meat and drink to Gatting, who began the day keeping wicket and ended it structions to the man who resumed in the gloves, Keith Brown.

Gatting was infringing no laws in stationing Brown two feet outside leg stump while

LEICESTER (second day of four): Leicestershire, with two of left-arm spin from over the wicket. It was, however, as he later confessed, a stultifyingly negative tactic, one that the Test and County Cricket Board must now rouse itself to prohibit

The present laws do, however, prevent any team from using a substitute as wicketkeeper, so while Brown spent the morning having treatment on a dislocated finger. Gatting stepped into the breach. He has done the job before, and made some capa-ble takes, but his dropping of Whitaker, when he was on 33 and the total 109, was a pivotal moment of the day. Worse was the fact that the chance was carrying to first slip, where the substitute fielder was David Nash, the England Under-19 wicketkeeper.

An exacting spell from Johnson had revived Middlesex's interest in the game. He dismissed a tentative Smith. leg-before, before Fay claimed Maddy with one that kept low. Whitaker, however, bristled with purpose and, before lunch, he had hooked Fraser for six over long leg and reached 50 with a thick-edged four off a visibly embittered

The car park gates were now closed and the food queues in The Meet made the place seem almost festive. The crowd swelled in size and noise through the afternoon. revelling in Whitaker's pugnacity and Habib's precocious talent. Johnson returned to divide them but Whitaker was a casualty of Tufnell's line of attack, sweeping so violently that his foot slipped and

dislodged a bail. When Nixon fell, a solitary wicket for the caricatured world-weariness of Fraser, Leicestershire were only 63 ahead. But Millns joined Simmons in a rumbustious stand of 90 that featured two memorably furious shovel an. Two wickets as the light faded could not redeem the day for Middlesex and Simmons was content to call a halt 16 overs early. He knows it is now a matter of time.



Surrey spirit falls in Oval gloom

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

THE OVAL (second day of four: Surrey won toss): Worces-tershire have scored 134 for three wickets against Surrey

ONLY one session of play was possible yesterday and, in the 40 overs that they bowled, Surrey picked up a single bonus point. It was an unsatisfactory day all round, which began at 1.10pm after the umpires deemed the square wet, and ended at tea when the light became impossible for play to resume.

How a Test-match square can be too wet for play to start on time, despite abundant covering, is something that Surrey will undoubtedly investigate. The first day was lost to heavy rain, which soaked the outfield, but there game not to start at 10.30 vesterday morning.

When it did start, 32 overs late, Surrey gained an immediate success when Benjamin. opening the bowling in place of Lewis, a victim of flu. penetrated Weston's flimsy defence. Curtis walked into one from Bicknell, who bowled 11 searching overs from the Pavilion End, and Hick, who never settled, drove Julian to

extra cover. Hick, poor chap, looks a broken man. He took his leave on a damp afternoon that might have summarised his season, and he clearly has much to sort out before he

resumes next April. David

Houghton, the Worcestershire coach, might have imagined that he was fighting the player's corner when he urged England to pay Hick a retainer this winter, but, at the age of 30, Hick, who has made 90 first-class hundreds, faces an

uncertain future. In 22 overs together, before the light went, Moody and Spiring added 102 to frustrate the bowlers. Moody offered a return chance to Adam

Hollicake on 56, but otherwise

Smith shines in gloom

HOPES that Nottinghamshire might salvage success at the end of a grim season ended yesterday when their attack was put to the sword by Robin Smith on a rain-affected day at Southampton. The helped his side to a declaration at 513 for four wickets. Nottinghamshire did frus-

trate Laney's quest for a third century in successive matches, but since he perished three

runs short it was of little consolation. After Smith fell, Kendall picked up the tempo, his 103 containing 21 fours.

Yorkshire also gorged on an under-strength attack, reaching 478 against Northael Vaughan equalling his career best of 183.

Shane Lee's fifth century of the season helped Somerset to a first-innings lead of 213 over

appeared comfortable, piercing the field with some fine, attacking strokes. Surrey have enjoyed a

decent summer, but this looks like being a dispiriting way for the season to end. Players think about all sorts of things at this time of year and Surrey's minds might go back to the last day of the game at the Oval against Derbyshire, in the first week of June, when Dominic Cork batted out the day and Colin Wells made light of a leg injury to help him to gain a

When the groundstaff finally covered the pitch last night, mooching around with hands in pockets like men who have far better things to do, there were three well-wrapped-up spectators sitting in the public stands. Then even they reality of a resumption, so they slipped away.

Do they love their cricket so dearly, or had they nowhere else to go? It was a poignant

Kent prize fight runs out of steam

BY SIMON WILDE

BRISTOL (second day of four): Kent, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 66 runs behind Gloucester-

THE life left in Kent's championship challenge predictably and with little ceremony disappeared under pale skies at Bristol yesterday. Shortly after 3.15pm, when Leicestershire put themselves mathematically out of reach, one of the few spectators on the ground drifted past the visitors' dressing-room and in-

formed them of the bad news. Had things gone better, Kent would have ferried coachioads of supporters to the West Country this weekend but it was apparent from proceedings on Thursday that the coaches would be staying

in the depot. "We lost it on Thursday, batting badly on our biggest day of the season," Daryl ster, the coach, said yesterday, "but we have done well, winning nine and losing only one. There is a lot of luck in these things. I thought it might not work out for us a few weeks back when rain stopped us winning at Derby while, 20 miles away, Leices-tershire were able to finish

Kent performed as though hung over from Thursday, allowing Gloucestershire a significant first-innings lead of 87 and losing Fleming in eight overs before stumps. At one stage Gloucestershire

were only 13 runs behind with

seven wickets standing. But soon after that, at about the time the title slipped out of reach, Kent fought back strongly. Patel removed the limpit-like Trainor, who had invested four hours in 48, to a leg-side stumping and Lynch's smash-and-grab halfcentury was stopped in its tracks by a fine throw from Ward at mid-off.

Alleyne and Russell soon followed but the Gloucestershire tail wagged vigorously before it was devoured by McCague and Headley, who, with Ealham, had taken much of the morning locating the right length. McCague finished with three wickets, their respective tallies for the season to 76 and 50, both personal bests.

"Martin has been outstanding and I think he is unlucky not to be touring," Foster said.

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Durham look to save best for last

By PAT GIBSON

DERBY (second day of four): Durham, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 92 runs ahead of Derbyshire

STEWART HUTTON, one of the few survivors from Durham's days in the Minor Counties, showed, by frustrat-ing Derbyshire for more than four hours just as they were thinking that they had nothing to beat, that five traumatic years of championship cricket have not broken his spirit.

By the time that bad light brought an abrupt end to a day of dazzling sunshine, he was within 15 runs of his second championship century of the season and, with David Cox joining him in an unbroken sixth-wicker stand of 68, Derbyshire, title contenders a week ago, were beginning to look the more ragged of the

It seemed to be plain sailing for Derbyshire when they resumed only six runs behind with eight wickets in hand, but Adams, who had made 81 off only 60 balls with a six and 14 fours, was caught behind in the first over and Jones, who had shared in a third-wicket partnership of 93 in 16 overs.

played on.
O'Gorman and Wells were victims of the increasingly uneven bounce of a newly-laid pitch, but that only strengthened Derbyshire's belief that a first-innings lead of 114 would be more than enough for them to wrap up the game inside

two days.

Morris did nothing to dissuade them by steering a short ball from Malcolm straight to gully to complete his wretched season with 410 runs at an average of 14 and, when Roseberry, his fellow sufferer. was caught at second slip, he bowed out with 457 runs at 16. The home-grown boys, though, were made of sterner stuff. It was hard to believe that Hutton had passed 50 only once before this season, when he made 143 against

Daley and Collingwood joined him in successive stands of 71 and 66, and finally Cox, a plasterer by trade who is revelling in his exalted position at the top of the plundered 50 off 49 balls with eight fours. If they can add another 50 or so today, Durham's first championship victory of the season is not out of

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Gloucestershire in June.

Gooch closes on Hutton's mark

By Jack Bailey

CHELMSFORD (second day of four): Glamorgan, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 312 runs behind

AS IF to confirm that playing county cricket in the third week in September is not in the natural order of things. what play there was took place in very poor light between bouts of near darkness. Time enough, though, for Graham Gooch to take his score from

62 to 170 before leaving the scene to accompany his father to hospital at lunchtime. There was also time for Stuart Law to dazzle with strokeplay that brought him 13 fours in an innings of 66, scored from 56 balls.

Once these masters had

disappeared, the true nature of conditions was exposed. In 13 overs, Essex lost their last six wickets for 21 runs, mainly to the line, length and occasional movement of the medium pace of Adrian Dale. In the circumstances, Glamor-

gan have done reasonably well to reduce the deficit by 55 runs. They have lost two wickets, to the lively Cowan, although just how Hussain clung on to a hard, high slash from James was one of the day's minor miracles. In the main, then, just

another Gooch and Law day. This was Gooch's 128th century, his eighth of the season and it left him one shy of Sir Leonard Hutton's career tally. Yesterday he demonstrated that he has lost none of his powers.

Giles pushes all-round claims

By Ivo Tennant

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Lancashire, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 105 runs behind Warwickshire

ASHLEY GILES is not merely a spin bowler considered sufficiently promising to be taken on the England A tour this winter. He can bat a bit, too. His unheaten century yesterday, which was the first of his career, was also his fourth score of more than 50 in

McGrath c Curren b Innes

Silverwood c Emburey

Extras (b 9, lb 15, w 1, rsb 4)

R D Stemp not out

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-112, 2-144, 3-206, 4-271, 5-376, 6-445, 7-449, 8-457, 9-478.

BOWLING. Taylor 27-3-98-1; Innes 25-3 79-3; Emburey 26-7-94-0; Pemberthy 23.4 6-92-5, Brown 22-8-64-0; Walton 9-1-29-1.

Total ...

Warwickshire's past five championship matches. His previous highest firstclass score was 85. His century, mostly made in partnership with Neil Smith, came off 133 balls and included 16 fours and a six. Their stand of 163 was a record for Warwickshire's eighth wicket against Lancashire. Giles has now

scored 600 runs and taken 60 wickets this season. Giles is 23. The Warwickshire second XI have won their championship for the first time since 1979 and their

Sussex v-Somerset

HOVE (second day of tour). Sussex, with all second-minings wickets in hand, are 150.

SUSSEX: First Innergs 141 (A R Caddick 5 for 58, S Lee 4 for 52)

Second Innings

BOWLING: Caddick 6-0-23-0, Shine 1-0-8-0; Cottam 8-1-21-0; Trump 3-1-10-0.

SOMERSET: First Innings

M N Lathwell c Moores b Orakes
M E Trescothick c Moores b Drakes
P D Bowler low b Salsbury
R J Harden c Walls b Salsbury
P C L Hollowey c Moores b Drakes
S Lee c Moores b Phillips
S Lee c Moores or Drakes

Extras (10 1)

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Total (no with

under-19 side were victorious at the NAYC Oxford and Cambridge Festival. They need not be too despondent over not retaining the county championship pennant.

Giles and Smith, whose 74 included 12 fours, enabled Warwickshire to make a total of 386. In their other roles, they then showed that the pitch is starting to take some spin. Yet Crawley made 73 off 109 balls, ensuring, as did Titchard, Lloyd and Fairsoundly in response.

brother, that his side batted YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS Total (3 wkts, 73 overs)

tW K Hegg, P C McKeown, G Chapple, G Yates, R J Green and G keedy to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-143, 3-143. BOWLING: Munton 15-4-32-1, Welch 7-2-25-0, Giles 22-5-70-1; Brown 11-0-54-0; Smith 18-3-71-1. Bonus points: Warwickshire 5 Lancashire 6 Umpires: N T Plews and A Clarkson Second Test match

Zimbabwe v Sri Lanka CCLOMBO (third day of five): Zimbabwe, with four second-innings wickels in hand, need 47 runs to avoid an innings deleta against Sri Lanka. ZIMBABWE: First Innings 141 (G W Flows 52. M Muraktheran 4 for 40; Silva 4 for 16) Second Innings G W Flower low b Silve

A Shah not out

"A D R Campbel c sub b Siva ...
†A Flower c Gurusinha b Murahti
C B Wighart c Kaluwitharana Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 1, nb 13) 19 BOWLING: Vaas 15-9-8-1: Pushpekumare 5-0-17-0. Murakiheran 32-9-70-1; Silva 19-6-35-2; de Silva 5-1-11-0: Jayasunya 7-3-16-2.

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DURHAM: First Innings 142 (P A DeFreres 5 for 60) Second Innings

RLL OF WICKETS 1-1, 2-72, 3-73, 4-138, 5-138 BCWLING: Malcolm 18-2-80-3: DeFreilas 9-2-25-0: Walls 15-5-40-0: Hamis 14.5-5-48-1, Dean 8-4-13-1

DERBYSHIRE: First innings A S Routins tow b Betts
C J Adams c Ligertwood b Betts
D M Jones b Saggers
T J G O'Gorman tow b Betts
C M Wells tow b Saggers
H, M Fridden not out
P A J DeFreitas b Cox
A J Harns tow b Brown
D E Matcolm run out Edras (to 3, w 4) Total (57 overs)

FALL OF WICHETS: 1-8, 2-47, 3-140, 4-180, 5-211, 6-216, 7-245, 8-246, 9-246 BOMLING Brown 14-3-56-2, Berts 17-1-69-4, Walker 11-4-46-0, Seggers 9-0-60-2. Cox 6-1-23-1 Bonus points: Derbyshire 6 Durham 4 Umpires: J.C. Baiderstone and J.H. Hams Essex v Glamorgan

CHELMSFORD (second day of four) Glemorgan, with eight Inst-innings wickets in hand, are 312 runs behind Essex ESSEX: First Innings G A Gooch retired out A P Grayson c Shaw b Watkin N Hussain c Hemp b Watkin .

Edras (lb 6, nb 10)

Total (92.5 overs)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-182, 3-280, 4-346, 5-346, 6-360, 7-361, 8-366, 9-367 BOWLING: Watkin 22.5-6-64-4; Parkin 19-2-59-1; Hermp 2-0-28-0; Oale 18-4-52-4, Cupit 23-3-102-0; Cosker 10-0-56-0. GLAMORGAN: First Innings

Total (2 wkts, 14.5 overs) P.A. Cottey, A Dale, †A.D. Shaw, R.D.B. Croft, D.A. Cosker, S. L. Watton and O. T. Parlon to FALL OF WICKETS, 1-17, 2-24.

BOWLING: ilott 7-1-31-0, Cowan 7-1-18-2, Irani 0.5-0-6-0. Bonus points: Essex 4 Glamorgan 4. Umpres. J W Holder and R Julian.

Gloucestershire v Kent BRISTOL (escand day of lour): Kent, with two second-mongs wickets in hand, are 66 runs behind Gloucestershire KENT: First Innings 154 (TRI Ward 86, CA Second Innings

Extras (nb 4) Total (1 wkl) FALL OF WICKET: 1-3 BOWLING: Walsh 4-2-5-0; Smith 4-0-16-1

GLOUÇESTERSHIRE: First Innings N J Trainor et Marsh b Pale!48 M G N Windows c Hooper b McCague8 A Symonda c Marsh b Headley14 R I Dawson b Headley5 Lynch run out M. A. Lynch not out

M. W. Afleyna c Llong b Parel

TH. C Russell o Headley

A. M. Synth b McCague

C A Waish not out

Extras (b 8, lb 5, nb 2) 15 _241 Total (89.3 overs) FALL OF WICKETS, 1-27, 2-53, 3-69, 4-141, 5-153, 6-174, 7-174, 8-196, 9-216 BOWLING: McCague 19 3-5-50-3; Headley 27-8-65-4; Eathern 26-8-70-0; Flerring 5-3-10-0; Patel 11-4-33-2. Bonus points Gioucestershire 5 Keni 4. Umpires: D.J. Constant and T.E. Jesty

Hampshire v Nottinghamshire SOUTHAMPTON (second day of four). Hampshire have socied 513 for four wickels against Nothinghamshire

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings G W White b Franks. 73
JS Laney c Carms b Atzaal 97
P A Whitaker c Noon b Franks 0
P A Smith c Archer b Bowen 161
Y A S Kendal not out 103
†A N Aymes not out 38 Extres (to 18, w 1, nb 22) Total (4 wkts dec) Score at 120 overs, 434-4.

L J Botham, S D Udal, R J Meru, J N B Bovli and S J Renshaw did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-147, 2-149, 3-305. BOWLING Caims 19-3-70-0; Bowen 31-4-120-1; Tolley 25-5-80-0, Franks 28-9-85-2 Alford 25-6-79-0; Downson 4-0-29-0; Afzael 6-0-31-1, Archer 4-1-21-0.

MOTTINGHAMSHIRE: R.T. Robinson, M.P. Downsen, G.F. Archer, "P. Johnson, U.Alzaal, C.L. Calms, C. M. Tolley, †W. M. Noon, M. N. Bowen, P.J. Franks, J.A. Alford. Bonus points: Hampshire 4 Umpres: G I Burgess and V A Holder.

Leicestershire v Middlesex LEICESTER (second day of four): Leicester shire, with two first-innings wicket are 191 runs ahead of Middlesex MIDOLESEX: First Imings 190 (M I Ramprakash 71; A.D. Mullally 4 for 53) LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A Habito c Brown to Johnson A Hando C Brown o Jorrison

†P A Nison o Brown o Fraser

D J Millins o Fay

A Fix K Pierson not out Extras (b. 16, lb. 21, w. 1, nb. 12) Total (8 wkts, 102 overs)

A D Multility to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-36, 3-66, 4-204, 5-242, 6-253, 7-343, 8-380 BOWLING: Fraser 28-5-91-1; Fay 24-3-87-3; Tufnell 28-4-89-1; Johnson 19-2-87-2; Weekes 5-1-10-1. Bonus points: Lakcastershire & Michigan 3 Umpires: B Leadbeater and P Wiley.

Northamptonshire v Yorkshire NORTHAMPTON (second day of four) Northamptonshire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 365 ruts behind Yorkshire YORKSHIRE: First Innings

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings Extras (b 9, lb 3, nb 10) 22 Total (2 wkts, 21.1 overs) TC Walton, A L Periberthy, JE Emburey, KJ Innes, †T. M. B. Bailley, J. P. Taylor and J. F. Brown to bat. FALL OF WICKETS, 1-50, 2-54 BOWLING: Gough 10-1-45-1, Silverwood 5-0-17-0, Harmiton 6.1-2-9-1. Bonus points Northamptonshire 2 Umpires. B Dudleston and A G Surrey v Worcestershire THE CVAL (second day of lour; Surrey won toss): Wordestershire have scored 134 for three wickets against Surrey WORCESTERSHIRE: First invarige Extras (Bo 1, nb 12) Total (3 wkts, 40 overs) ... VS Solania, DA Leatherdele, †SJ Rhodras, RK Wingworth, PA Thomas and SW KEWs FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-32, 3-32. BOWLING: M P Bicknell 11-4-23-1, Benge-min 11-3-33-1, Julian 8-1-37-1, A J Holitoake 6-1-21-0: B C Holitoake 4-0-19-0. SURREY: D J Bicknell, M A Butcher, "1A J Sjewart, G P Thorpe, N Shahid, A J Hollioske, A D Brown, B P Julian, M P Bicknell, B C Hollioeke, J E Benjamin. Bonus points: Surrey 1 Worcestershire 0. Umores: K E Palmer and G Sharo.

Total (89.1 overs) ... FALL OF WICKETS, 1-23, 2-75, 3-87, 4-87, 5-235, 6-305, 7-330, 8-330, 9-331. BOWLING: Drates 18-0-88-3; Law 9-0-32-0, Saliebury 31.1-6-91-5; Phillips 21-2-92-2; Kirtley 3-1-37-0, Lenham 1-1-0-0. Bonus points: Sussex 4 Somerset 8 Umpres: J H Hampshire and J D Bond. Warwickshire v Lancashire EDGBASTON (second day of four): Lan-cashire, with seven first-limings wickets in hend, are 105 runs behind Worwickshire WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings N V Knight Ibw b Cheople ... A J Moles c Keedy b Gallien W G Khan Ibw b Green M Burns c Lloyd b Keedy T L Penney c and b Titchard D R Brown c Farbrother b Chapple fK J Piper c Lloyd b Yates N M K Smith c Gallian b Chapple Extras (b 5, fb 7, w 2, nb 18) Total (106.8 overs) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-58, 3-61, 4-100, 5-137, 6-188, 7-196, 8-359, 9-365. BOWLING. Chapple 28.3-6-85-4; Green 18-1-67-2; Gallian 14-2-56-1; Titchard 15-3-Keedy 15-4-50-1: Yales 18-0-65-1 LANCASHIRE: First imnings Titcherd b Gles ... R Gallian in Muses

Total (8 wids dec) K J Silva did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-58, 3-86, 4-102, 5-216, 6-267, 7-276, 8-340 BOMUNG: Clonge 26-8-81-0; B C Strang 20-8-63-3; A R Whittell 31-7-75-0; P A Strang 36-11-68-4; G J Whittell 17-4-48-1; G W Flower 2-0-13-0. Umpires: C Mitchley (South Africa) and K T Francis (Sri Lanka)



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Hill told to accept brief stay at the summit

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN ESTORIL

LIFE has been a box of chocolates for Damon Hill for much of the year, but the soft centres have turned decidedly bitter-sweet. Last night, as the brink of his first drivers' world championship, Bernie Eccle-stone, the most powerful man in Formula One, spelt out a

Ecclestone, the president of the Formula One Constructors' Association and an increasing admirer of Hill. advised him in bleak terms that he should either leave the sport once he has won the world championship this year or resign himself to an altruis-tic end to his career without hope of another title victory.

appears that both Ecclestone and Hill, who leads the championship by 13 points

round, the Portuguese Grand Prix, tomorrow, are growing increasingly pessimistic about the chances of getting him Jean Alesi's drive at Benetton-Renault. Alesi is rumoured to be asking for £12 million in severance pay were he to be

This sum outstrips even the amount that Renault are prepared to pay to put Hill and the prestigious No I he would bring with him if he is world champion, in a car powered by their engines. The other top teams — Williams, Ferrari and McLaren - have freshlypainted "No Vacancy" signs outside their motorhomes.

It seems more and more likely, in fact, that Hill is being pushed into the outstretched arms of Jordan-Peugeot. where he would form an intriguing partnership with younger brother of his great-est rival. The German's signing was formally announced at a press conference here sterday morning.

Jordan, who hope to make a great leap forward next season, would offer Hill the chance of podium positions. More importantly, the influence of the ebullient team owner, Eddie Jordan, would rid Hill of the whingeing image that he has been unfairly labelled with and thus give him the one thing a world championship never could.

It would also mean, though, that Hill would have to accept a huge pay-cut, probably to less than half his present E6 million, if he joined the trish team, but Ecclestone implied last night that Hill, whose fate many believe was sealed long before this season began, when Williams secretly signed Heinz-Harald Frentzen, has little choice. Ecclestone said that Hill had destroyed his chances of signing for another



Hill focuses on the task ahead during practice yesterday

year with Williams by asking for £10 million.

"It is unfortunate that Damon cannot defend his championship in the team with which he won it," Ecclestone said. "Now, though, it looks as if he is going to have to quit or settle for a role in which he can give something back to the sport. You have got to know when to

you say 'adios'.

could take on the role of having Ralf Schumacher under his wing and help him along at the beginning of his career. He would give Jordan a boost, too, and there is no reason why Eddie Jordan, the team owner, cannot do what Frank Williams has done if he takes a few risks and works

"You could even say that he [Hill] has the chance to help Michael's brother when Michael himself has refused to do that. Michael could have insisted that he [Ralf] went to Ferrari with him, but he didn't do it. It will have to be a whole change of emphasis for Damon next year because he will have to resign himself to sacrificing his championship.

"If he accepted that and went to Jordan, it would be good for him and the sport. If he is not in a position to defend the championship. Jordan would be the next best thing to do. He could say: I am world champion, so now I am going

to give something back. Hill stayed tight-lipped about his future after finishing second in practice yesterday, save to say that he was in discussions with a number of teams and had not considered retiring. He admitted, though, that he was surprised at the speed of the rise of the younger Schumacher

"I thought the world could probably bear only one Schumacher, but now we have got two," he said. "I did not even know he had a brother until earlier this year, so it has all rather caught me by surprise. He seems very confident and he has got a great opportunity."

Aside from the obvious benefits of his name and the £3 million worth of sponsorship money he is supposed to be bringing to the team, Jordan

Docherty

offers

aid to City

ANOTHER avenue was

closed to Manchester City in

their search for a new manag-

er yesterday when Bruce Rioch accepted the job as

Stewart Houston's assistant at

Queens Park Rangers, a sur-

prising reversal of roles (Peter

Ball writes). Until Rioch's

dismissal, Houston had been

his assistant at Arsenal and

Houston finally left Highbury last week to take over at QPR and Rioch is his first appointment. "People will

talk about reversal of roles,

but Bruce knows the situa-

tion," Houston said. "I'm the

boss and I envisage no

Rioch had always seemed

an unlikely candidate for

Manchester City, but yester-

day an even more unlikely one

emerged. Tommy Docherty,

once manager of Houston and Rioch with Scotland, now

earning his crust as an after

dinner speaker and radio pun-dit, volunteered his services as

a consultant, working with a

"It's a genuine offer," Docherty, 72, said. "I am

repared to help City until

they appoint a permanent

manager. All Francis Lee [the

chairman) has to do is give me

a call. Things have reached rock bottom, and Manchester

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needs two great clubs."

problems."

young coach.

stayed on as caretaker.

have plumped for the world champion's brother because of his proven talent. He won the prestigious Formula 3 race in Macao last year and now leads the Formula Nippon championship in Japan.

His capture and the possi-bility that Hill may soon follow should represent the dawn of a bright new era for Jordan, who have endured a surprisingly lacklustre season this year. Benson and Hedges announced an increased commitment to the team yesterday and their prospects for next year look healthier by the day.

There had to be a big strategy change for next year. Eddie Jordan said. "Maybe, in the years to come, we will say that our transition year from being nearly there to a place in the top four teams came in 1996. "Hill. for one, is probably praying he is right.

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Gatting's

ploy just

not cricket

MIKE GATTING deflected

attention from Leicestershire's

relentless quest for the county

championship yesterday

dispute with the umpires over

the use of a tactic the Test and

County Cricket Board (TCCB)

is seeking to outlaw (Alan Lee

Gatting, captain of a Mid-dlesex side being thoroughly

outplayed in the match that

will take the title to Leicester

for the first time in 21 years.

sanctioned Phil Tufnell, the

England left-arm spinner,

bowling over the wicket into

the leg-stump rough. More

contentiously, he stationed his wicketkeeper, Keith Brown, two feet outside leg stump.

Phil Simmons, Leicester-

shire's West Indies all-round-

er, objected to Brown's

position on the grounds that

he constituted a third fielder

behind square on the leg side.

where the laws of the game

permit only two. He raised the matter with the umpires, Bar-

rie Leadbeater and Peter

Willey, who then discussed it

protractedly and animatedly

the dispute to the TCCB,

whose cricket secretary, Tim

Lamb, while condemning the practice as "not an edifying

part of the game", ruled that

Brown was within the laws of

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Leadbeater finally referred

with Gatting.

World No 1 forgets foursomes defeat to peg back United States

Davies drives Europe's revival

LAURA DAVIES was always likely to be the dominant figure in the Solheim Cup but few could have foreseen precisely how she would influence proceedings on the first day at St Pierre. In the morning foursomes, Davies played as if she were a hacker. In the afternoon fourballs, she played as if she were a goddess. Rarely have the heights and depths that a golfer is susceptible to been so demonstrated as they were by the world's No I woman golfer

The result of Davies's turnaround was an improvement in Europe's fortunes as they competed for the cup presented by Karsten Solheim, the Norwegian-born American



who invented Ping golf clubs. After the United States had won or halved all four of the foursomes matches. Davies adopted what can only be described as a scorched-earth policy in the afternoon. With a display of breathtaking golf, she led her team-mates to counter-attack with spirit and effectiveness. After the first day's play, the US led 5-3.

Though the Americans won the foursomes 32-2, the matches were all close, three ending on the home green, the fourth on the 17th. Mickey Walker, the Europe captain. though obviously disappointed, nevertheless stressed to her team how things could turn round in matchplay golf. Even she could not have expected the extent of the change in fortunes that would occur after lunch. At one point Europe led in all four matches. The turnaround was hatched in the team room when Kathryn Marshall, who had entered to confront a sea of a gloomy faces. Marshall was



Davies, right, celebrates with Johnson after chipping in for a birdie to go five up with seven holes to play in their afternoon fourball

remind them that this was meant to be fun," Marshall said. She put on a tape entitled We've got the Power and the room was filled with deafen-

ing music. That deafening blast changed everything, notably Davies. She was more sinner than sinned against in the morning against Patty Sheehan and Rosie Jones, and thus she and Alison Nicholas lost their first foursomes in this event.

Too often on a dismal morning when rain was always threatening but did not ly arrive. Davies looked as though she was trying a touch too hard and, as a result, shots went awry. But, knowing what a competitor and a team person she is, it was always

likely that she would bounce back and the way she played in the afternoon beggared

"Come on, let's go and do this," she said to Matthew Adams, her caddie, on the 1st tee and Davies, helped by Trish Johnson from time to time, then went and did it. She birdied the first three holes,

yards grazing the hole.

This was the Davies of legend, attacking the course and bringing it to its knees with a devastating mixture of power and definess. She played with such a furious intent that Kelly Robbins and

RESULTS

FOURSOMES: A Screnstam and C Nilsmark halved with K Robbins and M McGarry, L Davies and A Nicholas fost to P Sheekran and R Jones 1 hote; M L de Lorenzi and D Reid lost to E Daniel and V Skinner 1 hote; H Alfredsson and I Nicholas to P Service and I Nicholas to P Service and I Nicholas to P Service and I Nicholas and I and L Neumann lost to D Pepper and B Burton 2 and 1 Result: Europe "United States 3." FOURBALLS: Davies and T Johnson bt Rottims and P Bradley 6 and 5: Sorerstam and K Marshall bt Skinner

and J Geddes 1 hole: Neumann and Nilamark lost to Pepper and King 1 hole: Alfredsson and Nicholas halved with M Maillon and Daniel. Result: Europe 2# United States 1* MATCH POSITION (at the end of first

TODAY: Foursomes (four matches, 8 (four matches, 1 15pm) TOMORROW: Singles (12 matches,

holing from six feet, 20 feet Pat Bradley were simply and 12 feet and nearly holed in swept aside.

Davies chipped in on the one on the 8th, her drive of 275

11th, hit an enormous drive on the 12th that set up another birdie and a drive on the 13th, fully 80 yards in front of the other three, that gave her the chance to birdie that hole and end the match. She and Johnson had had nine birdies between them in 13 holes. Her smile after this performance was as wide as her shoulders.

Marshall's performance was impressive, too. She and Annika Sorenstam were threeup at the turn against Val Skinner and Jane Geddes, two Americans who had been rested in the morning, and Marshall was looking just as comfortable as her distinguished partner. Skinner won

stopped by a photographer

and she chipped in, and nearly won the 13th. There, her drive rebounded from a tree and she all but holed her second. However, Sorenstam gained a half with a putt for a birdie from 20 feet and the Europeans held on to win by one hole Just when it looked as though Europe could emerge

unbeaten from the fourballs in the afternoon, Dottie Pepper and Betsy King overcame Liselotte Neumann and Catrin Nilsmark thanks to an inspired run by Pepper. As dusk gathered over the Severn estu-ary, Helen Alfredsson and Nicholas, who were never down in their match against Meg Mallon and Beth Daniel, were denied victory when Daniel holed from 12 feet on

last American to top the world rankings, holed a ten-foot pust for a birdle three at the 8th to

win the hole. On the second

nine, she applied the after-burners, blasting her side into a two-hole lead with three

birdies in a row from the 11th

However, it was a birdie three at the 15th that was to

prove crucial. Neumann had won the 14th with a birdie and

Nilsmark had followed up

with one of her own at the

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the 18th to snatch a half-point. Peerless Pepper presents more acceptable face ales should suit holes. Pepper, who was the



Pepper: successful in the foursomes and fourballs

Dottie Pepper -dragons breathing fire and all that - and yesterday, on the first day of the fourth Solheim Cup, the combustible American lit up St Pierre with the quality of her golf, especially in the fternoon fourballs.

Pepper was, to use the jargon, pumped up, but it was not the near hyperventilation of The Greenbrier two years ago, when she won all three of her matches, but in a style that overplayed the outer obnoxiousness. This was the acceptable face of the United States No I, and she showed that it is not necessary to mimic a raving lunatic to be as fierce a competitor as there is

In the morning foursomes, Pepper partnered Brandie Burton, who played with an ankle injury, against the Swedes. Helen Alfredsson and Liselotte Neumann, in a repeat of the match two years

ago. The Americans were greeted with polite applause and the Swedes got an enthusiastic chorus from one of Abba's greatest hits. Still. Pepper managed a smile, but it was interesting that the referee Jim Haley took the players aside and gave them their instructions, as though he were telling them that he expected a good, clean

last time, came from behind.

There were no fireworks on a blustery day but the Americans, who had won 3 and 2

Patricia Davies on the American who has

learnt to channel her innate aggression

to win again 2 and 1, as the Swedes frittered away strokes in the closing stages. "We didn't play as well as we had hoped, but we certainly made our pressure putts." Pepper

can only congratulate Dottie. She putted extremely well today and is an extremely good match player. Neumann said.

The Swedes agreed. "You

Neumann was to have that hest confirmed in the fourballs,

when. in company with Catrin Nilsmark, she faced Pepper and Betsy King. Fourballs suit Pepper because it is the most aggressive form of the game, giving her two balls to shout at, her own and her partner's. The instructions are loud and usually terse: "Get back there." "Be right."

"Isn't she noisy?" one Welshwoman said to another, more amused than annoyed. What is more, the ball usually listens and, in a match of the highest quality. Pepper's passion — and her play, particularly her putting — eclipsed even the admirable Nilsmark and the gritty Neumann, who was not at her imperious

Two down after seven

next. Pepper was 18 feet away and her putt for the half was right in the middle. In the end, it was King who closed out a superb match with a birdie four at the 18th, but she was in a position to do so because of her partner's peerless performance.

Bosnia war crimes judge condemns half-hearted West

Reluctance to arrest the main culprits is undermining the Balkan tribunal's credibility, the chief prosecutor tells

Ben Macintyre in The Hague

The war crimes tribunal in The Hague may be fatally undermined unless the West takes swift steps to arrest Radovan Karadzic and General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb war crime suspects. Richard Goldstone said angrily this week as he prepared to step down as the tribunal's chief prosecutor.

In an interview with The Times, the outspoken South African judge expressed his tremendous frustration and unhappiness" at Nato's refusal to hunt down the Bosnian Serb leader and his military commander and bring them to justice, while he attacked the West's "hands-off" approach as highly inappropriate to put it mildly.

Dr Karadzic and General Mladic face international arrest warrants for allegedly instigating, planning and ordering the genocide and the ethnic cleansing in Bosnia".

So far, 74 arrest warrants have been issued for suspected Bosnian war criminals, but only eight are currently in custody and the peacekeeping forces in Bosnia are under orders to arrest individuals only if they come across them in the course of their duties.

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people are, and according to our information the men on the ground are as frustrated as we are and would like to go our and get them," the judge said.

The West's reluctance to apprehend the suspects is "very much a political deci-sion", he added, noting that the US is particularly unwilling to risk possible bloodshed and domestic political criticism by attempting to round up the indicted Bosnian Serb

"Any decent, rational hu-

man being must recognise how inappropriate it is for the international community not to arrest these people when you look at the massive crimes they're charged with. Compare it to a national situation. It would be ridiculous to suggest that the police shouldn't go and arrest massive criminals like this because they might get injured," Mr Justice Goldstone said. He noted that his successor as chief prosecutor, Judge Louise Arbour, of Canada, faces a daunting job when she takes

over on October 1. The court at The Hague "is effectively being prevented from doing the job it was set



Judge Richard Goldstone, the chief prosecutor of the International War Crimes Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague

up to do, and if this continues too long it's going to destroy the credibility of the tribunal".

The continuing trial of

Dusko Tadic has attracted widespread media attention but the judge conceded that the Serbian café owner, who is charged with horrific crimes against humanity, was a comparatively minor player in Bosnia's genocidal violence. Mr Tadic is accused of torture. sexual assault and the murders of up to 13 people, while Mr Karadzic and General Mladic have been accused of responsibility for the deaths of 7,000 Muslims in the enclave

of Srebrenica alone. As a South African and the former head of the three-year commission to investigate political violence, human rights abuses and intimidation in his

own country, the judge was widely praised for exposing the shadowy "third force" of white security force members who fomented violence between rival black groups.

n intense man, whose passionate belief in the tribunal's moral role contrasts with a clipped, often legalistic turn of phrase, Mr Justice Goldstone believes that the importance of the court is primarily symbolic, but he also emphasised that the proceedings provide a unique opportunity to build an international legal code to deal with war crimes and perhaps render them less likely in the

The central function and purpose of the tribunal is to establish individual as opposed to collective guilt. That

tion. "We decided our strategy must be to go for the leaders because of the small number we could put on trial ... but without the big fish, the symbolic power is dissipated," the judge noted bitterly.

The judge, who will be returning to South Africa next

month to take his seat at constitutional court, said he felt "substantial satisfaction" that the machinery for prosecuting Bosnia's war criminals had been put in place, but "unhappy and frustrated that so few arrests have been made, notwithstanding the issuing of arrest warrants".

f last weekend's elections finally restore a greater measure of political stability in Bosnia then Mr Karadzic and General Mladic may become increasingly marginalised, and thus pressure for their arrests is going to increase, not decrease", Mr Justice Goldstone predicted, adding that the next six months are vital".

He believes that the Bosnian war crimes tribunal and its sister proceedings for Rwanda represent an unprecedented legal effort that may pave the way for a permanent international court to punish and perhaps prevent crimes against humanity.

But he leaves The Hague with a stern warning: with the ringleaders of the mass murder in Bosnia still at large and only a handful of alleged criminals behind bars awaiting trial, the tribunal risks being remembered instead as a hollow monument to good

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from the Third Reich," Mr

trials then were staged by the victors and involved the con-

viction of key criminals on the

basis of voluminous evidence,

the tribunal at The Hague is

hampered by lack of funds

But whereas the war crimes

Justice Goldstone said.

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Surrender or die, Seoul tells trapped spies from North

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

NORTH KOREAN infiltrators from a stranded subma-rine were last night trapped in disused mineshafts as South Korean security forces closed in after a three-day manhunt.

Troops with loudhailers shouted their demands that the men give themselves up across a wind-blown stretch of rugged mountainside which is pockmarked with mineshafts. Overhead, helicopters scattered leaflets calling on the men to surrender.

You are surrounded. If you abandon your weapons and surrender, you can live. Most of your colleagues have been shot to death. We urge you to surrender immediately," an army officer shouted repeatedly through a loudspeaker on a

The fugitives were the remnants of a squad of armed infiltrators who came ashore in South Korea after their

firmed to have been shot dead and one has been captured alive out of what is believed to have been an original total of 26 infiltrators.

Media reports quoted the captured man as telling interrogators that 26 North Koreans had landed. Three, he said, were saboteurs -- trained to survive behind enemy lines and cover huge distances on foot. They were among those still at large

In case they evaded the dragnet around the mines. South Korean troops were last night lying in ambush along roads and mountain passes leading to North Korea, a Defence Ministry official in Kangnung said. South Korean forces saturating the area were uncertain how many North Koreans had taken refuge in the mine, which is about ten miles from where they landed near the east coast

In the three-day sweep, 60

miles south of the demili tarised zone separating the two Koreas, troops have also retrieved five assault rifles, four handguns, ammunition, clothes and two radio transmitters. A camera and magazines for US-made MI6 rifles were also found.

In Washington, Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, urged "all parties" to avoid further provocative action. Seoul said it would brief the UN Security Council on the drama and Japan denounced the incident. "We have an interest in peace and stability on the Korean peninsula, and it is deplorable that North Korea has brought about this incident," Seroku Kajiyama, a government spokesman, said. "We call on North Korea immediately to end these kinds of actions."

Pyongyang remained silent over the fracas, but an official radio broadcast gave its veiled reaction to the incident, accus-



South Korean soldiers disembark to search mountain passes for the runaway infiltrators from the North

ing South Korea of taking "provocative action". There was no reference to the squad of infiltrators virtually wiped out over the past three days.

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provocative actions against ington of remaining hostile to North Korea near the dethe North in violation of a 1994 militarised zone," said a Korebilateral accord. Seoul has described the incident as the most serious infiltration since the 1960s and a military provocation. The landing has reminded South Koreans how

vulnerable they are to attack by their capricious arch-enerny in the north. Seoul said last night that

Gong Ro Myung, its Foreign Minister, would condemn the North Korean intrusion before the United Nations.

Drug raid

Britons

Hong Kong: Hong Kong police arrested 22 American. Irish and British nationals

yesterday after a three-day drugs operation. The 13 men

and nine women were reported to be in their twenties.

The arrests came after police seized 1.521 tablets of the

rave drug Ecstasy, 4.4lb of cannabis, 10.50z of cocaine

and 50 tablets of LSD during

raids on 41 premises. Two groups of predominately

European drug traffickers" have been identified, police

reported. Officers were expect-

ing to make further arrests

Family rattled

by 'Netanyahu'

Jerusalem: Ibrahim al-Abadi.

an Arab farmer in Jordan, has

infuriated his wife and family

by naming his son "Netanya-

hu" after the Israeli leader

because the boy's Jewish

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King Husain (Christopher

Walker writes). One angry uncle said he saw a likenes between baby and namesake:

"He is always agitated and

Gay 'spouses' get IBM benefits New York: Homosexual rights made another gain in America this week when International Business Machines (IBM), the multinational computer company, said it will

Baboons betray cannabis runner

thanks to a troop of baboons (Michael Hartnack writes).

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Japanese militants. to repeat islands expedition

BY ROBERT WHYMANT

JAPANESE nationalists are planning a new expedition to uninhabited islands claimed by both China and Taiwan. despite warnings by Peking and undaunted by a wave o anti-Japanese sentiment provoked by their activities on the chain of rocks in the East China Sea.

As the Japanese Government appealed yesterday for a "calm approach" to the territorial dispute over the islets --called Senkaku in Japanese and Diaoyu in Chinese - the right-wing Japan Youth Federation said that the planned sortie would reinforce Tokyo's sovereignty over the islands.
The federation, a 3.000-

strong nationalist group with roots in the underworld, is at the centre of the present flareup of tension in the region. In July, Toyohisa Eto, the federation's leader, sent seven followers to build a token lighthouse on the islands. located 200 miles west of Okinawa, On September 9 a second landing party went to repair damage to the lighthouse caused by a typhoon.

The next day China warned Japan of serious damage to relations if it failed to stop right-wing activity on the is-lands. This week Chinese people in mainland China. Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan have vented their anger in street protests and called for

boycotts of Japanese goods. Seiroku Kajiyama, Japan's chief government spokesman, sought yesterday to lessen the tension. "Japan and China, or Japan and Taiwan, must avoid anything so reckless as destroying their relationship," Mr Kajiyama said. "We need to take a calm approach to this

He repeated that Japan had sovereignty over the islands and rejected Chinese demands that the Government should remove the offending lighthouse. "It is crystal-clear that we have sovereignty." he said. "As Japan is a democratic society, the Japanese Government cannot say anything about building something on

private land."

Mr Eto said that he would send a team to the islands in November for maintenance work on the lighthouse. Flanked by youths in paramilitary uniforms, he accused Tokyo of timidity and said there was a danger that China would seize the Senkaku chain by force if Japan failed to take a stronger line.

China lost the islands after a war with Japan in 1895 and showed little interest in reclaiming them until 1968, when a United Nations report concluded that the area was a promising site for oil and gas



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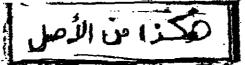
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Dole seizes on Clinton drug 'joke' in crusade for votes

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

militant to repeatished islands expedition BOB DOLE, trailing badly in the opinion polls, yesterday launched his most personal attack yet on President Clinton with a new television advertisement showing his rival joking that he would inhale marijuana given another

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Mr Clinton, meanwhile, hinted that he might give his wife, Hillary, another highprofile public role if he wins re-election despite her disastrous attempt to reform America's healthcare system. During the 1992 campaign

Mr Clinton admitted trying marijuana while an Oxford student but insisted he did not inhale. The Dole advertisement shows a clip of a teenage MTV audience asking him later in that campaign whether he would inhale another time. "Sure, if I could. I tried before," he replied, laughing. "In front of our children, on

MTV, the President himself ... " intones the narrator, who reminds viewers that teenage drug use has doubled since 1992. "Bill Clinton doesn't get

The advertisement is part of a new anti-drugs crusade Mr Dole launched this week in the belief that drug abuse is an issue that resonates among key suburban voters and on which the President is vulnerable. Mr Clinton has argued that his 1992 comment was lighthearted, and in no way meant to suggest experimentation with drugs was acceptable. In an interview with Barbara Walters on ABC television last night, he went further, saying of his Oxford flirtation with marijuana: "It

In the same interview, Mr Clinton suggested he might enlist his wife to improve the



Clinton as an Oxford student in 1968

radical Republican Bill on welfare reform that he signed in July - another comment Republicans will seize on.

"I said the Bill was the beginning, not the end, and I think the real advocates of children, including the First Lady, have to weigh in," he said. "I think the business people will listen to her. I think child advocates will listen to her. I think that

people at the state level will." Mrs Clinton, seated next to her husband, said it was the first she had heard of such an assignment. "Sounds like an exciting ..." she began, but Mr Clinton hastily interrupted. "It's not a formal role. It's not a formal role," he insisted.

The Bill returned responsibility for welfare to the states, ended a 60-year guarantee of federal assistance to the poor and would, by the Administration's own estimates, push a million children into poverty. Despite the furious opposition of many Democrats, President Clinton signed it.

Two new national polls yesterday put Mr Dole 16 and 22 percentage points behind Mr Clinton, but the true measure of the 73-year-old Republican's plight are indi-vidual state polls, which show him struggling to hold even those states that were considered rock-solid Republican. He is five points behind in

Florida, which has not voted for a Democrat in 20 years, and just one point ahead in Virginia, which last voted for a Democrat in 1964. In Arizona. which has voted Republican in every election since 1948, Mr Dole is level in one poll and an astonishing 18 points behind in another. He is level with Mr Clinton in North Dakota. which has voted solidly Re-

Mr Dole insists he will fight for the key state of California, but his prospects there look increasingly hopeless. Two polls yesterday put him 16 and 17 points behind, and he is trailing Mr Clinton in Orange Country, the birthplace of the

Reagan Revolution". White House officials are now suggesting that the President might offer Ross Perot a one-to-one debate if the Dole camp continues to bar the Texan from this autumn's official debates. They believe Mr Perot can fragment the Republican vote further.



Workers are shepherded by armed police as they hurry from the office of a legal firm in West Palm Beach, Florida, after a gunman entered the building and shot two lawyers, one of whom died. The gunman, who was named later by the police as Terry Hogan, killed himself at the end of a four-hour siege on Thursday

"coat-tails" have not proved

very long. In 1972, when

President Nixon buried

George McGovern, the Demo-

crats lost 12 House seats but

gained two senators. In 1964,

when President Johnson rout-ed Barry Goldwater in the

second biggest postwar land-

slide, the Democrats admit-

tedly enjoyed a huge 38-seat gain in the House, but only

picked up a pair of Senate seats. If Mr Clinton's re-

election looks assured, voters

could return a Republican

All 435 House seats are

being contested, and the Dem-

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Congress to constrain him.

Party strategists turn to fight for Congress

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

WITH President Clinton seemingly cruising to victory in November, Republicans and Democrats are rapidly turning their attention to the autumn's real contest: the battle for Congress. Mr Clinton this week

ordered his own top fundraiser, Terry McAuliffe, to launch a multimillion-dollar fundraising drive on behalf of Democratic congressional candidates, and for the first time has begun calling for a Democratic Congress in campaign speeches.

Richard Gephardt, the Democrats' House leader, is striving to convince America that his party has learnt from its 1994 defeat, promising: "We will do a better job." He has rallied his party behind a centrist platform. Families First", and insists: "We're all 'New Democrats' now. We have to be. Times change."

Newt Gingrich's Republicans are issuing warnings about returning Congress to are rushing through legislation to soften their extremist image

On Thursday they agreed to expand insurance coverage for the mentally ill and let new mothers stay longer in hospital. The Republicans recently passed legislation allowing Americans who lose their jobs to keep their health insurance. They are also seeking an early budget agreement to erase memories of last winter's government shutdowns. "I've not seen this dramatic a change in colour or stripes since I've been in the zoo," quipped Tom Daschle, the Democrats' Sen-

To recover the control of Congress they lost for the first time in 40 years in 1994, the Democrats must gain 19 House and three Senate seats. If they succeed they could dramatically reshape President Clinton's second term by enabling him to pursue an activist domestic agenda. Democrats pin their hopes

on Mr Gingrich's unpopulari-ty, polls showing voters more likely to vote Democrat in congressional races, and a low



Republican turnout if a Clinton win looks inevitable.The Republicans have also selected several hardline conservatives to fight seats where their incumbents are retiring and are in strategic disarray. They have no national platform like 1994's Contract with America. It is each candidate for himself, and some are studiously distancing themselves from Mr Gingrich and Bob Dole. The Republicans take heart

from the fact that the Democrats must defend many more seats where popular incum-

bows to 'brilliant Brit' actor bents are retiring, especially in the conservative South, and FROM QUENTIN LETTS that historically a President's

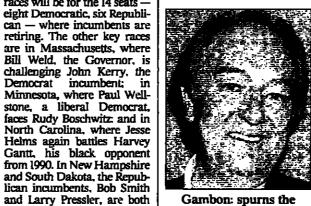
IN NEW YORK

Broadway

BRITISH theatre had its second success on Broadway in two weeks when Michael Gambon, star of the Royal National Theatre, scored a bullseye on his New York debut in David Hare's Skylight alongside Lia Williams. Local critics yesterday raved about the "brilliant Brit", as the New York Daily News described the veteran

actor. The critical praise is all the more notable for the fact that Gambon spurns the star system so beloved by Americans. Furthermore, his elastic. potato-like facial features contradict the received wisdom in America that actors should resemble Adonis.

The success comes after acclaim for the singer Elaine Paige on her Broadway debut with Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's Sunset Boulevard.



US star system

Armed police stop Kenyans buying British corned beef

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

ALARM over "mad cow" disease spread to Africa yesterday as the Kenyan Government impounded tonnes of corned beef believed to have come from Britain and posted armed police at supermarkets selling it. A consignment of 3.2 tonnes

of beef was seized by Mombasa port health authorities, who suspected the tinned meat might have been infected with BSE. The Government then revoked the trading licence for Nakumatt supermarkets, Kenya's second largest chain, forcing it to close outlets, and ordered police with automatic rifles to keep shoppers away from supermarkets in Mombasa, Eldoret and Nairobi, the country's three largest towns.

A government statement said that the corned beef had been brought to Kenya withclearance from the revelant authorities".

The beef was originally thought to have come from established that the meat was British.

Nakumatt Holdings, owners of the supermarket chain, placed newspaper advertisements defending itself against accusations that it was importing suspect beef; it claimed that meat had been "manufactured" in Brazil for John West Foods of England and had been packed under "Brazilian government inspection".

No tests have yet been carried out, but the Kenyans have demanded that the beef be shipped back to Britain to "prevent the spread of a potentially fatal disease to

animals and humans". Cheap processed meat, much of it from the European Union's mountains of unsold agricultural produce, has been marketed in Africa for many years, but few locals find i

Kenya's domestically produced beef, reared free-range on wild shrubs, would be the delight of any British consumer because it is cheap (top quality fillet costs about £2.50 a kg) and produced without chemicals, supplementary blood meal feed, or artificial hormones. Vegetables from Kenya's

highland farms fill the shelves of British supermarkets, and Kenya is the world's largest exporter of cut flowers. But government officials and farmers have been prevented from penetrating the Euro-pean meat market by tariff barriers and the lack of abattoirs which meet EU stan-

"This may be one of the reasons behind the dramatic action taken by the Kenyan authorities," one Western diplomat commented. There is also often a suspicion that inferior goods are being dumped on African markets." ☐ Scoul: Fears of "mad cow" disease are encouraging South Korean beef eaters to switch to pork, exacerbating shortages of pork at a time when exports of the meat are booming, an official said. The Government might have to start importing pork to guard against infla-

Vasectomies will not curb koalas

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

AUSTRALIAN wildlife experts yesterday condemned government proposals to give vasectomies and hormone implants to the country's expanding koala population in an attempt to prevent over-

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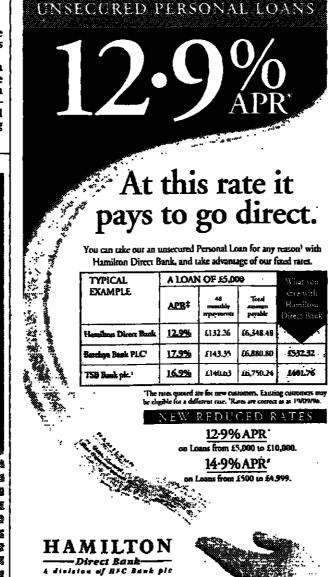
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crowding, saying that the project was doorned to failure because of the promiscuity of the creatures.

Roger Martin, a research fellow at Monash University in Victoria, said: "Vasectomising just won't work because koalas are highly promiscuous animals. You only have to miss one and he will fertilise all the females right through the summer."

Koala experts suggest that a better solution could be achieved through the use of a sexually-transmitted organism, Chlamydia, to control population without causing total infertility.



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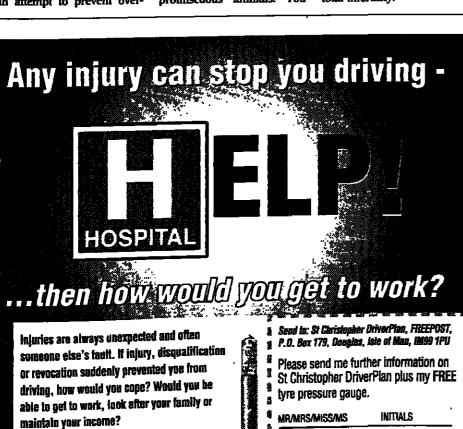
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Padania mania ebbs

VENICE has reafter Umberto Bossi's abortive procla-mation of "Padania". League's term for independent northern Italy, to a thin crowd

near the Doge's Pal-ace a week ago. The League

banners, Alpine hats and menacing green-shirted stewards have disappeared from the waterfront. Venice, intended to be the Padanian capital, is given over again to tourists, the architecture Biennale and the

new Tiepolo exhibition.

For Venetians, the hero of the hour is Massimo Cacciari, 52, the left-wing Mayor and former philos-

VENICE FILE by RICHARD **OWEN**

during Padania mania. Venice, in Signor Cacciari's view, is not the capital of a mythical north Italian state: it is a proud city-state and a jewel of European culture with some real and urgent problems to address, including flood defences and pollution.

Venetians wonder whether it was their "philosopher king" who ar-ranged for trains carrying pro- and anti-Bossi demonstrators to be

German deaths in Venice

THOMAS MANN and Luchino front, followed by the Scandina-Visconti have a lot to answer for. Death in Venice, it appears, has encouraged the idea that Venice is a romantic place in which to end one's life. Psychiatrists there say the number of foreigners who come to Venice to seek death by jumping into the canals or the lagoon is rising, with Germans in the fore-

vians. Suicide pacts are also common, as are homosexual suicides. Fabrizio Ramacciotti, a local psychiatrist, suggests Venice is seen as "a beautiful, unreal city at the end of the line", with the lagoon beckoning the suicidal. The "dark mixture of death and water" provides a deadly allure, he says.

who asked passing cruise liners to drown Signor Bossi's with their blaring klaxons. "Venice Under Siege" was

the headline in the Gazzettino di Venezia. But the locals were more sanguine. "Bossi belongs in an asylum, with people who think they are Napoleon," said Arrigi Cipriani, the owner of the legendary Harry's Bar, where business was being conducted as usual even during the League demonstration.

The view at Florian's café on St Mark's Square is that Signor Bossi chose the wrong city.

"Cacciari was right," said a waiter. "Venice was the wrong place for their make-believe capital. Everyone comes here. We've seen it all - the film festival stars, the Carnival, the Biennale. We tend to be a bit cynical".

Signor Cacciari's casual dress, left-wing credentials and understated manner conceal a fierce protective passion for the unique city he administers. He told Venetians to stay at home during the Padania rally, and mobilised police



Massimo Cacciari, the left-wing Mayor of Venice, believes the city is more than a mere mythical capital

in full riot gear at strategic canals Will he stand again when his fourand bridges to prevent trouble. It worked, to the relief of the Govern-ment in Rome, which had wavered between suppressing the Venice event and hoping it would fizzle

year term expires next year? At times Signor Cacciari yearns to return to academic life. But power has its attractions. Signor Cacciari and Antonio Bassolino, the likeminded and left-wing Mayor of

Naples, believe Mayors of Italy's former city-states are "the real leaders of Italy". They are urging Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister. to acknowledge this by creating a new ministry to co-ordinate powerful city administrations.

Battle in a palazzo garden

THE big art exhibition in Venice this autumn is the magnificent display of paintings and frescoes by Tiepolo at the Ca' Razzonico. But the gossip in the palazzos is about a rather more recent Venetian collection: that of

Peggy Guggenheim.
The Palazzo Venier dei
Leoni on the Grand Canal, Peggy Guggenheim's home for 30 years until her death in 1979, is showing an exhibition of graphic works by Max Ernst, who was married to her for one tempestuous year. But Guggenheim's descendants are incensed over what they say is the "insensitive" way the Guggenheim Fourdation in New York has treated the eccentric and visionary Venice museum. In particular, her grandchildren are up in arms over the planned sale - apparently for \$1 million to a wealthy American collector - of the Palazzo Venier garden, where the great art patron's

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Rebel of Left seeks Greek power role

FROM JOHN CARR IN ATHENS

A LEFT-WING radical who left the Greek ruling Socialist Party (Pasok) last year because more is preparing to play squeaks through to re-election

Although recent polls indicate no more than 6 per cent of voters supporting the tenmonth-old Democratic Socialist Movement (DHKKI) headed by Dimitris Tsovolas, the splinter party is a bigger threat to the Government than the conservative opposition. New Democracy.

Despite surging ahead last week, Miltiades Evert, the New Democracy leader, appeared to lose ground with what critics call inept posturing, such as insisting on overturning a multiparty agreement on media coverage of the campaign. But on the eve of the election, it was still too close to call. A post-poll deal with Mr Tsvolas could swing Greece to the left,

politically and economically. A youthful 54, the son of a poor mountain family, he sees his chance for revenge on the champagne socialism of the kind typified by the Papandreou family and hangers-on.

The wooden speaking style and aloofness of Costas Simitis, the Prime Minister, have done much to erode his support. However, he has resisted the temptation to take a swaggering patriotic line, leaving that to the tablethumping Mr Evert, nick-named "Bulldozer" by his supporters.
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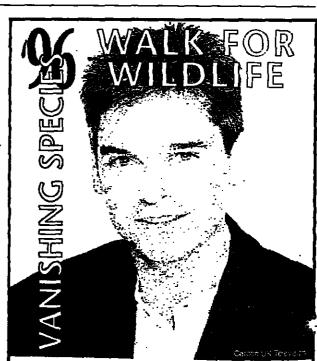
faces formidable political problems. Neither large party is expected to receive a majority big enough to rule unhindered. If re-elected, Mr Simitis would almost certainly have to co-operate with Mr Tsovolas. who is demanding "radical economic changes". That would mean a direct threat to Greece's hard-won adherence to the Maastricht treaty.

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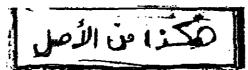
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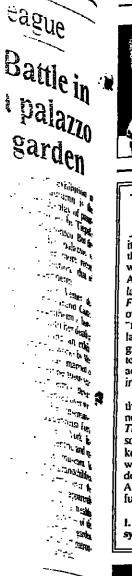
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ON MONDAY

Can the Royal Opera rise to the challenge of Wagner? Read Rodney Milnes on The Ring

For once, Channel 4 has not gone far enough. Now that's a sentence I never thought I would write. But it is true. Next month the company that does for tasteful television what Liam Gallagher does for Anglo-American relations will launch a series called The Fame Factor, to explore "the darker side of stardom". You know the story: "rock wives" abandoned when the lads go philandering: child-stars grown up to be ugly nonentities: temptations; excesses; tantrums; addictions. Just an average morn-

ing in the Vatican, really. But events have overtaken even the levered imaginations of Channel 4's producers. Here is The Times's cut-out-and-keep guide to some real-life "stresses" that have kept celebrities in the limelight this week. But remember, readers: don't try these strategies at home! At least, not unless you have a fully-trained publicist standing by.

I. The "how boring to be sexy" syndrome. Beautifully expressed

Hard day at the publicist's, dear? last week by Martin Shaw, an actor who gets very upset when people remember him for playing a ludicrous pocket action-man in The Professionals, rather than for all the Meaningful Drama he has undertaken since. As he told the

terribly tiresome, darling. I felt appropriated in the deepest sense and loathed it. That stuff doesn't happen any more. When you're past 40 that manic sexual fan energy begins to depart." Do you know, Martin, I've begun to notice that as well! It's been several weeks now since I was properly appropriated by a

burst of manic sexual fan energy.

London Evening Standard, the

adulation in those macho days was

2. "Do you feel lucky, punk? Well, do you?" Just a few of the words it

embarrassing on the Tube.

is wiser not to utter in court if you are a very rich star being sued by a former lover who claims that you behaved somewhat less gallantly than the heroes you play on screen. Another unhelpful phrase for your appearance in court might be: "Go on, pull the trigger; make my day." Poor old Clint. You found it much easier to solve problems when you were Dirty Harry, didn't you?

3. Last year's model. One moment you are Claudia Schiffer, the most highly-paid fashion model in the world. The next, well, you're 26. Finished. Washed up. Has-been. Passée. Presenting crockery demonstrations on the shopping channel — if you are lucky.

Quite a relief, really: it can be Yes, it's tragic but true. Last year the great fashion houses were scrabbling to hire the fragrant fraulein with the big hair. No preposterous création was consid-

look haggard," said one Tomo Delaney, "London fashion agent", this week. "Claudia is part of IN THE ARTS another fashion, another time." echoed Karl Lagerfeld. And Jean Paul Gaultier added his own acidic coda: "She represents an old, recycled generation. I don't want to be nasty but she's got no personality." Gosh, what would he say if he did want to be nasty? Still, at least the comely Claudia now knows why it's called the carwalk. 4. Queen of people's hearts. You

RICHARD MORRISON

ered properly displayed until it had been animated with a winsome wiggle from the delectable Düsseldorfian derrière. Now they are queueing to stick the knives in. "She is starting to

does. The very last thing you are seeking is publicity. Yet, by the time you arrive, hundreds of newspapers and television stations have mysteriously learnt of your plans, and a tiny village burial is

fly from a military airfield in a

on a Greek island — the way one

turned into a ghastly media circus.

private jet to attend a quiet funeral

Ah, the perils of being Diana, Princess of Wales! It seems that all your attempted acts of anonymous kindness are doomed to be besmirched by the disgraceful intrusions of reporters and cameras. The person who leaks details of such intimate moments should surely be exposed for the rotter that he, or she, is.

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But what's this? Those bounders at Forbes Magazine have just

published a list of the world's highest-earning entertainers. And guess what, Sir Andrew? You only limp in 14th! Your meagre \$50 million estimated gross earnings for 1995 and 1996 put you well behind Jim Carrey (\$63 million), a film-star whose decent films to date can be counted on the fingers of one finger. Smoothie magician David Copperfield is even higher up the ladder at \$74 million, and yet more galling — the Beatles (who, let's face it, have not been over-productive of late) are apparently raking in \$130 million.

But the real humiliation comes from the top. Earning a tolerable \$171 million — or rather more than three times what you are, Sir Andrew - is Oprah Winfrey. Yes, the highest-earning "entertainer" in the world is a woman whose chief talent is to persuade people to reveal their illnesses and traumas for the voyeuristic delight of watching millions. Good grief, it makes one feel quite well disposed towards Esther Rantzen. But that's



"A brittle, edgy voice, too monochrome to sustain interest in so long a dramatic role": but Chen Sue is only one of the downfalls of Opera North's Butterfly

T There to start with scale of Opera North's new Butterfly? With the text. Say what you like about Puccini, you can't deny his stagecraft. But-terfly was probably the most challenging opera he wrote as far as structure and tone are concerned, and after its initial failure he worked hard to get it right, through the process of

About 20 years ago, the Great East Berlin Opera Fac-

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political statement in the inter-

ests of royalties. It was de-

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tory constructed a theory that Puccini was pressured by his publishers into revising the score, turning it from a swingeing indictment of American imperialism into an anodyne romantic melodrama. The composer submitted,

in the Leeds programme. What Puccini did was recognise that a drama with a pasteboard villain is boring. watering down a heartfelt He adjusted the character of Pinkerton, making it harder for men in the audience to avoid recognising him. He also trimmed the long first act, and tightened and restructured the last scene to include a brief aria of remorse for Pinkerton, revisions whose benefits are patent once people

start reverting to the original, as happens — rather half-heartedly — in Leeds.

Dalia Ibelhauptaite, the

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child should be revealed is

producer, follows the dated line, presenting Pinkerton as a scowling caricature hate-fig-ure with whom any girl would be mad to get involved. Or rather she does at first - he becomes another person later on. She also thinks she knows better than Puccini: revealing Butterfly's child at the start of the second act kills one of the epic moments in operatic literature: the moment when the

Cheintsis's dreary decor that she is virtually inaudible. Playing the marriage and the love duet in the docks of

also killed by placing Butterfly

Nagasaki is not a bright idea - it makes nonsense of what people sing, for one thing nor is giving Butterfly's mother and uncle prominent silent roles in the second part. The titupping movements for the Japanese are out of a bad Mikado, and acutely distasteful. A final coup requires, humiliatingly, a visible stage-hand to set it up, and Ibelhauptaite displays throughout only a tenuous hold on basic skills of direction.

The Chinese soprano Chen Sue (Butterfly) has a brittle. edgy voice too monochrome to sustain interest in so long a dramatic role. Mark Nicolson would do nicely in one of the lighter Gilbert and Sullivan tenor parts: whoever thought he should sing Pinkerton needs their head examined. Peter Savidge (Sharpless) looked embarrassed, as well he might given the company, while Liane Keegan had a go at Suzuki but had no one to play against. Clive Bayley was

a good Bonze. Marco Zambello was the rather ordinary conductor, showing no obvious sympathy for the idiom, and the playing was wooden. It was sad - no, tragic - to witness a company with so fine a record responsi ble for something that barely attained acceptable profes-sional standards.

Pinter finds himself in the soul of a woman

f modern drama has pro-duced a more disturbing set of characters than Harold Pinter's men, they can only be Pinter's women. The extremes are Ruth in The Homecoming, the professor's wife who finds fulfilment and power in prostitution, and Sally in Night School, the demure teacher who doubles as a nightclub hostess. But there are others, too, who combine

sexual charisma with a tantalising, troubling elusive-ness; and, when the definitive Pinter history appears, Rebec-ca in his brilliant if difficult Ashes to Ashes will surely

figure high among them. When Sylvia Plath wrote that "every woman adores a fascist, the boot in the face, the brute, brute heart of a brute like you", she was addressing an imagined father. But she might have been talking of Lindsay Duncan's abstracted whom yearns for the howl of police sirens and hankers for the fantasy lover who made her kiss his elenched fist, then forced her on to her back, legs open. To her, he is clearly far more potent and real than her husband, Stephen Rea's Devlin. He talks and even acts tough, but is actually rather like Teddy in The Homecom-

fectively trying to reclaim his wife's allegiance and restore her to normality.

Normality? Even the play's location suggests this will be hard to achieve. Pinter's hourlong production coolly unfolds on a grey, spare living-room set at the front of what's still vestigially recognisable as the dress circle of the Ambassa-dors, the West End playhouse to which the Royal Court's Theatre Upstairs has moved while its Sloane Square headquarters are rebuilt. Nothing is very ordinary, least of all the creamy English rose played by

ing, an uneasy academic inef-

She is a spiky woman, but it is her mind that really teems with thorns. The lover she claims, surely falsely, to remember might have stepped from one of Pinter's politically aware plays. He was, she says, a "travel agent" and "tour guide"; but, if so, it was presumably in the sense that Eichmann was those things. The "factory" he owned, filled as it was with smiling, bowing serfs, sounds like a cellar in all standards.

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Dachau. By way of completing the picture, he strode along station platforms "tearing baTHEATRE

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bies from the arms of their screaming mothers". Indeed, he tore Rebecca's baby from her, or so she declares at the

By now, Rea's tense, anxious Devlin is way out of his depth; but depth is, I think, the word. The play has its obscure moments and, occasionally, its mannered ones. But it takes us into a mind ripped apart by dreams, memories and vivid, unearthly images: refugees dragging suitcases along a

wintry street, workpeople obe-

diently walking down a cliff and far into the sea. What's maternal in the apparently childless Rebecca - note the Jewish name — is saddened and appalled. Something else in her is fascinated, even attracted by the violence and the horror.

As psychological profiles go this is dark, dangerous stuff. It will appal some, but it fascinated me. And, whatever the reservations, it confirms what Moonlight suggested two years ago. The nation's most original dramatist, so sporadically productive in the 1980s, is back in creative business.

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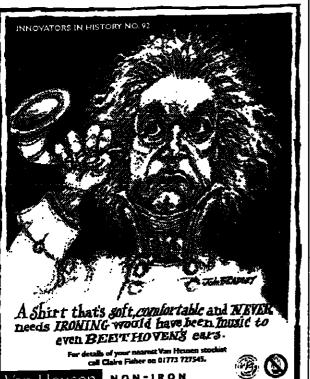
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Rising stars in the arts firmament

MICHAEL COONEY

Age: 29 Profession: Writer and director for stage and screen. Forthcoming: Cash on Delivery. Cooney's first

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farce, is currently previewing in the West End. It is about a man diddling the DSS who, just as he decides to go straight and quietly polish off his imaginary lodgers, finds an inspector on the doorstep. Famous surname? Son of

Ray, the celebrated farceur.

Paternal helping hand? His father is indeed directing Cash on Delivery. Cooney happily acknowledges his debt to Ray, whose plays he has

watched in rehearsals since he was tiny and who has encouraged his son to try his hand at farce

His own man: Cooney has been forging a career for himself in Los Angeles. A film version of his stage play Murder in Mind has just finished shooting in America, starring Nigel Hawthorne. Point of Death, which premiered in Liverpool last year, is now being cast for a West End transfer. Lucky break: Cooney did not walk straight into authorial success. "I failed every English exam there was," he says.

Later, working at a ski resort, he passed a camera shop and decided to be a photographer, then switched to the other side of the lens as a model, then (emigrating to America) as an actor. Finally he slipped off-screen again to write scripts. Hitting the big time was not easy in Tinseltown. Giving up hope. Cooney flew back to Britain. The phone rang. It was Hollywood. Could he write a screenplay by Saturday?

Family comedy: Currently he is staying in the cottage next to his parents' house, "but we don't walk around saying Whoops, vicar and dropping our trousers". He thinks that, if he has inherited humour from his father, he also has a dark side from his mother, Linda, an actress turned artist. Ambition: Popular appeal.

Other activities: "Whenever I have any time, I write. There is a two-year diary on the office wall in I.A. Under March 1997, my friends have written 'Michael, get a life.' "

KATE BASSETT

A brush with true genius

Philip Rylands

in Venice joins the tercentenary

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of the birth of Tiepolo

used to baffle his friends by asking if they knew where in Venice one could see a view of Cambridge. The answer was the Scuola dei Carmini. There, in Tiepolo's Madonna of the Scapular, is a descending Madonna attended by an angel casting the thaumaturgic cloth to the kneeling St Simon Stock - an event that took place in Cambridge in the time of Henry III. Giambattista Tiepolo (1696-

1770) was one of the most successful painters Venice had ever known. The third cente-nary of his birth is now being celebrated in exhibitions in Ca' Rezzonico and the Gallerie dell'Accademia, Venice, and early next year at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Tiepolo stands as one of a triumvirate of great Rococo painters in Europe, with Wat-teau who was 12 years older and Boucher who was seven years younger. But he alone has always attracted hyperbole. He was "the greatest imaginative painter of the age (Michael Levey): he painted the most prodigious corpus of works ever produced by an 18th-century painter" (Donald



Riot of Roccoc: The Glorification of Francesco Barbaro by Tiepolo, "one of the most deft and flamboyant paintbrushes in the history of art"

Posner). He is unstintingly awarded the status of genius. Nevertheless, as the early works now at Ca' Rezzonico reveal, his virtuosity was achieved with a huge effort of will to overcome modest beginnings and an unpromising phase in which he adopted Piazzetta's palette of browns and dark reds. Among his earliest patrons were the Dolfin family of Venice, and it

was for one of their palaces that he painted, in a robust Baroque manner, a series of Roman histories now divided between the Metropolitan Museum and the Hermitage (the latter are on show in Ca' Rezzonico)

The Dolfins monopolised the archbishopric of Udine and it was there, in the 1720s, that Tiepolo painted lighthearted frescoes in pastel shades depicting scenes from the life of Abraham, thus announcing his artistic maturity and the definition of his

Rococo style. Tiepolo painted master-pieces in all shapes and sizes. The larger ones could not be 'borrowed" for the exhibitions the frescoes from Homer. Virgil and Tasso at the Villa Valmarana ai Nani, for example, and The Banquet of

Cleopatra in Palazzo Labia. But Ca' Rezzonico has two frescoes of its own, and around and under these are hung his ceiling paintings, his altarpieces, his oil sketches, the idylls and mythologies that came from one of the most deft and flamboyant paintbrushes in the history of art. A typical work is a more-or-less oval ceiling of The Glorification of

Francesco Barbaro. Tiepolo was the author of some non plus ultra effects of illusionism. In the National Gallery in London is his sketch for The Trinity Appearing to St Clement, in which the ambition of altarpiecemakers ever since Giovanni Bellini is miraculously accomplished: the figures above the altar come alive and billow into the church itself. In Vival-

di's church in Venice, the

Pieta, the acoustics cause the sacred music to reverberate from the ceiling so that Tiepolo's celestial musicians seem to have burst into a trumpeting festival cantata.

Tiepolo painted almost nothing for England. It was not that the Whig aristocrats were averse to the Rococo, or to Catholic painters. Mild xenophobia, the fact that Tiepolo was both busy and expensive, and the occasional European war were probably to blame. One Tiepolo that entered an English collection is The Finding of Moses, now at the National Gallery of

Scotland, The autocratic political ideology to which Tiepolo's art gave visual expression dominated the life and thought of Europe, with the exceptions of England and Holland. His

decorations were simply the finest examples of a trans-European mode, from Charles Joseph Natoire in Paris to Jacob de Wit in Amsterdam and James Thornhill in London.

Criticism of Venetian painting by the Frenchman Charles Nicholas Cochin in the early 1750s - in effect, impatience with its sublime artifice, its lack of realism - stemmed from the mentality of the Enlightenment. The decline of Tiepolo is the decline of the Rococo and the sunset of the political ideology of the ancien regime that he so magnificent-

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Timothy Garton Ash says that the EU is the worst possible Europe — apart from all the other Europes tried from time to time

urope, for me, is not Brus-sels or Strasbourg, Euroinstitutions, laws or officials, let alone Euro-politicians. Europe, my Europe, is the old marketplace in Cracow, the gilded gloom of the Cafe Landtmann in Vienna. Berlin's Bahnhof Friedrichstrasse on a grey winter's evening, mad Naples and suffocat-ing Athens. It is a mosaic of extraordinarily diverse and interesting places, memories, peoples and individual people: some that I like, some that I dislike but to none of which I am indifferent. Diverse though they are, they are nonetheless all bound up in a single larger

history, that of Europe. Knowing Europe thus, it is impossible to be a Euro-sceptic in the way that, say. The Sun or Lord Tebbit are Euro-sceptical. But anyone who cares for the real Europe is bound to be deeply sceptical about what is being done in its name. Even before the end of the Cold War, there was a dangerous gap opening up between the real Europe below and the politicallegal-institutional "Europe" being built from above by the bureaucratic implementation of policies negonated between governments, or demanded by lobbyists for special

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no democratic control. Since 1989, the problem has worsened as the EU has failed to respond adequately to the largest historical change in Europe since 1945.

Yet we cannot just tear up the EU and begin again. We have to start from where we are. And any structure of institutionalised cooperation or integration in Europe is bound to be complicated and cumbersome, because Europe itself is so complicated and refractory. Out of the crooked timber of Europe, no straight thing was ever made. The EU is the worst possible Europe, apart from all the other Europes which have been tried from time to time. Conservatives may recognise a classic piece of conservative political wisdom.

The advocacy of "Europe" is often associated with an optimistic, idealistic, even naive belief in human progress, through the be-nign automaticity of interdependence to a harmonious future of "ever-closer union" — itself sometimes assumed to be the realisation

Platonic essence of Europe. There is indeed some such naive optimism about, although a good deal less than there was five years ago. My advocacy, however, starts from a diametrically opposed and deeply pessimistic premiss. I assume that this progress is neither automatic nor irreversible, and that Europe could easily revert to its bad old ways of ceaseless and ultimately violent conflict between nations. But why say "could"? In the former Yugoslavia, it already has.

Now it is plainly wrong to argue that the European Union has, in itself, "kept the peace in Europe". Inasmuch as the peace was kept in Western Europe until 1989, this was in the first place because of Nato and the Cold War stand-off between the nuclear-armed blocs. However, it has certainly helped. The EU has been both symbol and catalyst of reconciliation between former enemies in Western Europe. Even in the painful case of policy towards former Yugoslavia, the still feeble post-Maastricht arrangements for co-operation in foreign and security policy and, more importantly, the associated reality of intensive, habitual bilateral contacts did eventually contribute to a less disunited, if not a more effective Western policy. The EU is, and will almost certainly remain. less than a real union. But it is significantly more than just a United Nations for Europe.

oday, a good third of the

continent has, at best, very fragile democracies in unstable states. And it is precisely to "Europe" — to the prospect of membership of the EU (and of Natol — that these new states look as one of the crucial ways to stablilise and strengthen their democracies, just as Spain, Portugal, and Greece did in the 1970s and

It may be a paradox that they look to something largely underno-cratic (the EU) to strengthen their own democracies, but life is paradoxical. And the alternative in this part of the world, in Central and Eastern Europe, is the failure of democracy, ethnic conflict and war. In a word: Yugoslavia.

This way of thinking about Europe is unusual in Britain, but it is far from un-British. In fact it draws on a much older tradition of Brtish thinking about Europe, one that looks at the continent and our relationship to it not primarily in terms of European unity, as in the continental idealistic tradition, but in terms of order. In my view, the vital attribute of the EU - more than its (disputed) economic advantages - is that it offers a framework of non-hegemonic order. And because this framework is nonhegemonic and is built, albeit

undemocratically, between democracies, it is better, and has a better chance of lasting, than previous attempts to build European orders. So much for the principles. What does this mean in practice? I have argued elsewhere that we should be proposing a second project for the

EU. This would consist of serious, detailed proposals both for rapid eastward enlargement and for a more closely co-ordinated foreign

and security policy, to equip us to deal better with powers and crises mainly to the east and south of the EU - starting with Bosnia, which

is very far from "solved". The devil is, of course, in the detail - and in anything to do with the EU, the detail is particularly devilish. However, that is not the main problem. The problem is political, and twofold. First, there is already another major project under way: that of monetary union. Secondly, in the present climate, anything that Britain suggests will be looked upon with suspicion. In particular, proposals for enlargement, combined with scepticism about monetary union, will be seen as designs to dilute the Community by enlargement — perfidious Albi-on trying to sabotage the European

enterprise again. So if we were enthusiastic supporters of the first project, mone-tary union, and of the accompanying so-called "political union", it would be so much easier, politically, to win support-elsewhere in

in turn, would be easier if the case for monetary union were more compelling. I personally think the doubts about monetary union are so substantial and well-founded that the Government's position of wait-and-see, while quietly attempting to meet the criteria. is

reasonable. What we cannot reasonably do is to steer a course against a project in which many of our continental partners have invested vast capital political, economic and emotion-- then expect them to listen sympathetically while we explain what Europe should really be

doing instead. Here is our dilemma. I am not sure that there is any good way out of it. But I am sure that the best way to try is indicated in the title of the Centre for European Reform. Reform - not uncritical support. not withdrawal, but reform. European both in the sense that we need proposals for the reform of the EUrope, and in the sense that the proposals should come from a wider range of Europeans, and not just from British Europeans. For we shall get nowhere on our own.

This is an edited contribution to a pamphlet published to mark this week's launch of the Centre for European

Maxwell: it'll

The law, not the SFO, was to

blame, says Bronwen Maddox

The sight of a beaming Kevin Maxwell on the steps of the High Court has been a provocation too great for many to resist. Mr Justice Buckley's direction to drop further criminal charges against Robert Maxwell's youngest son has triggered declarations that the entire system of British justice has failed.

The passionate public desire for convictions in the Maxwell affair was understandable. When the publisher's empire collapsed five years ago, it left £4 billion in debts, including a £400 million hole in its pension funds. Although Robert Maxwell towered over his sprawling conglomerate of about 100 businesses, he did not run them alone: an inner circle of favoured employees - and family - was intimately involved.

However, attacks on the Serious Fraud Office and the use of juries in fraud trials are misdirected. They emerge with credit from the Maxwell trial. Criticism would be better focused on the judiciary, apparently uncertain in its approach to fraud cases, on international banks and on financial legislation itself.

For the SFO, the dismissal of could not have been more publicly damaging. It followed not only his acquittal in a first trial, but also the failure of high-profile financial fraud trials in the 1980s.

Yet in the Maxwell case, the SFO had clearly learnt from those fiascos. It brought in squads of first-rate accountants from the start. It briskly distilled stacks of documents and identified the main players and allegations. Unlike the 1980s trials, it faced one overwhelming obstacle: the absence of

the main protagonist.
In retrospect the SFO was hampered by the manner in which Mr Alan Suckling, QC, presented the case. His delivery often seemed diffident. Despite that, the SFO decision to bring a second set of charges was entirely justifiable. It has a duty to do so if it believes a

Similarly, the Maxwell jury's performance is more impressive than popularly supposed. Members were picked for their lack of preconceptions about Robert Maxwell; in effect, some say, that produced a financially unsophisticated jury. But the fact that it delivered an acquittal does not mean that members did not understand the issues. The principles involved were simpler than in 1980s trials which concerned the niceties of stock market trading.

Prosecution and jury aside, however, there is plenty of room for concern about the handling of the Maxwell case. For fear of prejudicing the second criminal trial, the judgment in a 1993 civil case which covered much of the same ground could not be reported until yesterday, but it was strongly critical of Kevin Maxwell. Some argue although few of them are criminal lawyers - that this perhaps should have been relevant to Mr Justice Buckley's decision to halt a second

Judges also insisted that the prosecution select only a few charges for the first trial. That was a departure from the practice of the 1980s, designed to lighten the burden on the jury. This may have weakened the prosecution, which wanted to establish that Maxwell directors were aware of the true state of the group's finances, or acted in breach of their duties. Those arguments are easier to make by pointing to a longstanding pattern of behaviour. It is should be followed in the future.

t is also easy to forget that so much money could not have gone astray without the partici-pation of some of the world's bestknown banks. Their defence was that they were unaware of the full picture. It is hard not to ask what they thought they were doing.

Finally, there is the law itself. The exact scope of directors' responsibilities and the role of pension trustees has only partly been clarified. The unresolved question of whether the surplus in a company pension fund belongs to the company or to employees will become a political headache.

In one respect, the legacy of Robert Maxwell is better than feared: most of the missing pension funds have been retrieved, and pensions continue to be paid. The pensioners say they are outraged that Kevin Maxwell walks free, but they are not suffering financially. However, five years after one of Britain's greatest financial scan-

dals, financial regulation remains imprecise and the ability of the courts to tackle these cases remains unclear. Too little has yet been done to prevent a repeat of the affair.

Debates between Major and Blair are dull — but what if they took a leaf out of Montaigne?

happen again Conversing with the nation

comminciata. This week the two party leaders sang their campaign overtures at separate London rallies. John Major performed at the Spectator lecture. Tony Blair at the Times/Dillons forum. They tested the acoustics and trilled their arpeggios. Both seemed fit and in good voice. They had better be. Six gruelling months lie ahead heaven help us.

Montaigne's most famous essay distinguished the art of conversation from that of debate. The latter, he said, was for experts. Debate demanded a polarised argument. Those untutored in dialectic might not move from thesis and antithesis towards synthesis, but shoot off to ever greater misunderstanding, even to war. Debate was artificial. Conversation was a natural quest after truth. It welcomed disagree-ment but did not exaggerate it. "I embrace the man who contradicts me," wrote Montaigne, "for he instructs me ... I rejoice in sharp exchanges, as love rejoices in the bites and scratches that draw blood," Conversation was a mirror of humanity. Debate was a dangerous intellectual game, prohibited by Plato to the "ill-endowed mind".

Watching Mr Blair and Mr Major perform this week, I dread the forthcoming debate but long for opponents. Both are pleasant, honest herbivores. There is nothing discordant in their political upbringing, no blood on their hands, no bile in their souls. They lack the gravitas of age but pass the prospective-son-in-law test.

As debaters, neither man diverges from the political main-stream, Mr Major because he cannot, Mr Blair because he dare not. They do not differ fundamentally about economy or foreign policy, about tax or public spending, utility regulation, health, education or local government. If Mr Blair is a decentralist, he has yet to show what he means by it (except in Scotland). Neither leader dares to seem more or less European than the other. They are rotten characters for an electoral spaghetti western: two men trying to step on each other's shadow and then crying "ouch".

What passed for a debate this past week was a charade: what is moral about the size of the public sector? As Mr Major introduced the topic on Wednesday, he at least won gasps for effrontery. He lectured a Spectator audience against bigger government and higher taxes. That is how they are sup-



John Major, Montaigne and Tony Blair: the French philosopher said that debate was for experts but conversation for all mankind

posed to lecture him. His Government seizes more of the nation's earnings (43 per cent) than when he was Baroness Thatcher's Chancellor (39 per cent) and much the same as when Labour was in power in 1979 (44 per cent). That very day, teacher training in England and Wales and forbidding universities the freedom to raise their own fees. Had the entire Tory era been an exercise in immorality? Mr Major's spin-doctor. David Willens, explained that this was all to do with economic cycles. This somewhat diluted the moral crusade. The pot may have good reasons for being black, but should surely avoid

calling blackness immoral. When asked for a view, the kettle could not resist. Mr Blair leapt into the kitchen. If big government is immoral, he said, who should now be "donning the sackcloth and ashes"? Morality lay not in the size of government but in its priorities. On that subject, of course, Mr Blair would not be drawn. Mr Blair is not to be drawn on any subject. But he won the debating point.

The exchange augurs ill for the next six months. There is really no argument between these men that can stand the strain of artificial polarisation. They are politically alike, almost interchangeable. In another age Mr Major, the nongraduate, self-made son of south London, would be a surefire Labour leader: Mr Blair, the straighttalking Oxonian barrister, would

be a surefire Conservative one. Such are the vagaries of Westminster politics. Yet the requirements of an election campaign will see them wrenched apart, their trivial disagreements puffed up, their personalities and their spouses was right. Debate is dangerous in the wrong hands.

Yet they could have a splendid conversation. Conversation is one of Mr Major's skills, however much his minders are averse to letting him display it. The more

intimate the setting, the more natural he seems. The more unscripted his remarks, the more convincing they sound. Televised informally on the Downing Street pavement, he almost persuaded me earlier this month that America was right to bomb Iraq. Most men are bigger on a platform than at close quarters. Mr Major seems to shrink on the public stage. The clichés that are the bane of his speeches fall leaden from his lips. Mr Blair is a good public

conversation. Had Mr Major's spin-doctors been present on Thursday, they would have seen a model "conversation" with an audience. Mr Blair spent 90 minutes informally responding to questions. He told me nothing new would have been mostly waffle. But Mr Blair is now a supreme political performer: "formidable" was what Matthew Parris's review said yesterday. He can read an audience and convey a sense of command. Even as he tired - and began what might have been a Neil Kinnock parody — he never lost his listeners. Mr Major should try the same.

Had the two leaders been in conversation rather than detached debate, the week might have added at least something to the sum total of human wisdom. Conversation is the art of the supplementary question. Come on Mr Blair, Mr Major would say, you would "transform" education, health, transport, social security. I have been struggling with this one for six years - and failed. So what is new? How will you avoid thrashing about like Margaret Thatcher in 1979-81 and then being strapped, tied and hung by the Treasury? Tell us the secret and I might tell you some, too. Mr Blair would have his turn. You, Mr Major, cannot honestly

offer a smaller state or lower taxes than now, or at least none that your party or the country would tolerate. There is no light between us on this and no purchase in deceiving the public. You are addicted to big government and cannot kick the habit — any more than you say I can. Yet we are both seeking a better way of allocating public money. We both want to curb the growth of social security spending. can all be less frightened of tough FRIENING

In my dreams I see them converse, and cannot see what hurt it would do them by doing so in public. Yet two years ago, both leaders agreed that the "debating" mode of Prime Minister's Questions was farcical and must be changed to a more conversational one. Both men requested of the other a new format. Nothing was achieved. The saga showed neither man in a flattering light. It is as if both were frightened of conversation, as if the whole political community were frightened. Debate is easy. Polarisation is the soft

The sage of Bordeaux overheard an argument between two shepherds in the marketplace. He was astonished at how clear was their conversation. They knew no dialectic or rhetoric. They did not exaggerate or diverge from the point. They settled their difference and went their ways. "There is more sense in the cackle of fishwives," concluded Montaigne. "than in the public debates of men who profess logic." So God save the art of conversation, and bring it to our rescue.

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Greene goddess

affair between Graham Greene and Catherine Walston, his beautiful lover for 15 years, are to be published for the first time. Catherine's son Oliver, a farmer and journalist, has been commissioned by the publishers Michael Joseph

to write the story. Catherine was married to Harry, later Lord Walston. But in the 1940s she asked Greene to be her godfather when she joined the Roman Catholic Church - his

FRANK details of the passionate novels, she explained, had helped to bring her into the fold. She was immensely rich and sexually uninhibited. Soon she and Greene were lovers. Harry Walston had little option but to let Greene form part of this unusual ménage à trois: Catherine had

made it plain to Harry that if he

wanted to keep her. Greene must remain part of her life. The book is basically a voyage of discovery to find out how my parents' marriage survived this



Novel arrangement: Catherine Walston was Greene's lover



curious arrangement," says Oliver, who spent holidays with his mother and Greene on Capri between the ages of six and 16. "They were married in a strange relationship which most people would have found impossible."

Oliver will draw on unpublished archive material and Greene's copious love letters. "For four or five years, they kept a double diary. Each would write on facing pages. Each also kept a diary of their

● Norma Major may be about to make her name as an author with her book on Chequers, the Prime Minister's country residence. But her endeavours will not have been helped by John Major's attitude towards the house: he has been telling friends he doesn't like the place - far too formal, he says, a far cry from his cosy modern house

Little Brits

THE SIX Tory grandees who wrote advising John Major this week not to suffer the party's virulent Europhobes ended their letter in buccaneering fashion. The British instinct is to lead, not walk away, trumpeted Sir Edward Heath et al. Our greatest patriots have never been little Englanders."

A chorus of protests from offended Euro-sceptics ensued. "No little Englanders we," cried John Redwood and his far-right cronies. True patriots all."

Curiously, Redwood once lived in a house called Little England. "About five years ago, he moved into a house called White Walls in Sonning-on-Thames," explains my source. "He promptly changed the name to Little England." Redwood's office confirmed the tale yesterday, explaining: "It was meant as a joke." Heath is not noted for his humour on these matters. and I doubt very much if he will see the funny side.

 ◆ Lord Longford has been at his campaigning best in recent days. He invited Ann Widdecombe and Baroness Blatch, both Home Office ministers to lunch. He tried to convert Widdecombe to the cause of Myra Hindley and Baroness Blatch to Catholicism. So far, how ever he has failed on both counts.

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Beam me up

TALK at London's literary parties this week has concerned Ed Victor. doyen of literary agents and habitue of The Hamptons, a celebrity playground in Long Island, New York State. A tall man, his stiff gait



"He's definitely got his father's looks"

as he stalked through the crowds of Joan Collins's book launch in a neck-brace lent him the appearance of an arthritic giraffe. At Bloomsbury's 10th anniversary party the following night, he was similarly incommoded.

Victor's home in The Hamptons is an old English barn which he had shipped over there to be reassembled, beams and all. Sadly, the house has one beam too many for the poor man recently walked straight into one of them and damaged his neck.

 Versatility is proving the hallmark of Ewan McGregor, who played a heroin-addicted youth in Trainspotting, McGregor has been signed up to play James Joyce in the film Nora (a working title, thankfully), which tells of Joyce's love affair with Nora Barnacle. Filming is to start in Dublin next

Look, See

AS ROMAN Catholics fret about celibacy, monsignori at the Vatican are lamenting the departure of an engaging figure who once brightened their lives in the Holy

Catherine Fairweather, daughter of our former Ambassador to Rome

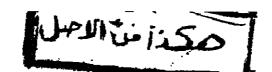


Catherine: dressing up

Sir Patrick Fairweather, was a presenter on Vatican Radio but heartbreakingly, she has returned to England.

Catherine was one of the few non-Catholics working in the Vati-can. But so attached to her did the priests become that they made a special presentation to her as a leaving present. A racy white dress. split to the hips. "It's the sexion" item of clothing in my wardrobe." she says.

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THE WORLD TO ROME

The Pope has brought Rome to the world: next the reverse

The shifting story of Roderick Wright from tragedy to scandal is just one small part of the fundamental agenda facing the Roman Catholic Church. Other, larger parts are represented in the Pope's troubled visit to France where he has been greeted by arguments ranging from the status of the 5th-century convert King Clovis to 20thcentury details of social policy.

Yet the French agenda too forms an incomplete portrait of the challenges facing Catholicism. While the level of devotion has clearly slumped in its heartlands of Europe and North America, there have been striking advances in the developing world. As a global force the language of crisis is inappropriate. The vocabulary of change, however, is not.

The central problem is for a hierarchy and structure that are tightly based upon Rome and highly centralised in nature. The Church is searching for means of devolution and forms by which it can adapt traditional practices to suit the cultures where Rome's strength now lies. Of necessity this suggests a much less authoritarian style; but any new style will have to coexist with the primacy of the pontiff.

It is the Third World that is the true driving force behind the celibacy dilemma. The demand for Catholicism far outstrips the supply of priests in many parts of the planet, leaving massive congregations with no real leadership. Inevitably the issue of what can be done to combat this is raised: how much of the problem comes from the requirement of chastity? This touches on wider terrain. The Second Vatican Council sought to promote a more active role for the laity while at the same time leaving the traditional position of the priest intact. Thirty years on that essential concept has not taken full root.

To this is allied the question of liturgy. Many practitioners believe that the mystery and beauty of language once so closely associated with the Mass has been badly compromised in the aftermath of Vatican II. Some hanker after the full restoration of the Latin rites. Others argue that the shift was correct in principle but imperfect in execution. Recent attempts at the revision of liturgy has not produced full consensus. What is required is flexibility. But, like decentralisation in formal structure, that does not come naturally to a faith based on unity, uniformity and universality. For much of the past 2000 years these elements have been a source of great strength. Without adaptation they may not be so in the future.

Then come the divisive moral matters. In France, as elsewhere, there is a long list of modernity's by-products; legal abortion and divorce, easy birth control, homosexual rights and equality for women, all with vocal proselytisers. Some of these issues, including the sanctity of human life stand central to the very purpose of the credo. The form of permissible family planning is less linked to core ethical principle. The barrage of criticism that the Pope endures comes as much from his seeming reluctance to accept, let alone encourage, discussion of any of them, as from his personal philosophy. Again, at present, debate does not flow as comfortably as it might.

Through his relentless willingness to travel John Paul II has accentuated the presence of the new church membership; but the influence of that membership wiil have to be addressed by his successor. The present Pope has appointed virtually all of the College of Cardinals that will make the succession choice. With each day of his advancing age, the prospects of the 69-yearold Cardinal Carlo Martini, Archbishop of Milan and favourite of many reformers, slightly worsen. Despite that, the need for change, and its sophisticated management, is unavoidable. John Paul II has brought Rome to the world. The next Pope will have to bring the world to Rome.

FRIENDS IN TRANSYLVANIA

Where alliances are not what they may seem

Ever since the turbulent days of Vlad the Impaler, Transylvania has been a synonym for a Balkan backwater where midnight murders are hushed up by a cowed peasantry. Six years ago these murders took place in full daylight on a scale that began a revolution. The uprising in Timisoara by the oppressed Hungarian minority was the catalyst for Romania's general uprising against the Ceausescu dictatorship. Histor has left millions of Hungarians outside Hungary's present borders. Two million of them live uncomfortably in north-western Romania seeking greater autonomy for schools, local authorities and in the use of Hungarian. But hopes that Ceausescu's death would lead to an improvement in living conditions and human rights were premature: the fall of communism unleashed suppressed ethnic animosity that led, months later, to anti-Hungarian riots and nationalist violence.

The signing, therefore, of a treaty between the two countries this week guaranteeing full minority rights for the Hungarians, the inviolability of borders and close cooperation between Budapest and Bucharest. seems a welcome piece of news. For Gyula Horn, the Hungarian Prime Minister, there was a particular satisfaction: eight years ago, as Foreign Minister, he tried vainly to persuade Ceausescu to curb the wave of arrests among the Hungarian minority, stop the demolition of monuments and restore access to higher education.

Trade and political relations between the two countries have been improving in recent years, but each Government has a particular need now to show success in dealing with the other. Budapest has been accused of giving aid and encouragement to secessionist groups in both Slovakia and Romania during the past few months by sending government officials into both to endorse autonomy claims by ethnic Hungarians. Mr

Horn needed quickly to smooth the inevitable waves this caused. The Romanians, for their part, have a presidential election in November, and the Government does not want to give its opponents any pretext for nationalist agitation.

Beyond this, however, there is a more important factor operating in both countries: the prospect of Nato membership. Neither can afford a grumbling quartel with it neighbour if its application is to be credible; each believes it can strengthen its case by promising to uphold the application of the other - as, indeed, the treaty spells out. It would be tempting, therefore, to see the prospet of membership in both Nato and the European Union as two goals for former communist countries that will be more effective in persuading governments to tackle underlying ethnic tensions. Such incentives should be more effective than any human rights declarations or resolutions. This hope may be a chimera. Romania is

still suspicious of Hungarian intentions. both military and political. Romanians are convinced, correctly, that Hungary is likely to be among the first wave of new Nato members, whereas they will not be taken in for years, if at all. The Romanians fear this would give Hungary, with access to Nato's superior technology, a qualitative military edge, as well as the political backing of fellow Nato members should relations degenerate again. The Hungarian minority might then become a Nato "fifth column". Romania also fears that whatever the new treaty pledges, Hungarians will be tempted to use the threat of a veto of Romanian membership to extract new concessions for its minority across the border. With Nato membership likely to set up new divisions in Eastern Europe, the prospects for such treaties ending regional quarrels over minorities are not, unfortunately, as bright as might be hoped.

WHEELIE RADICAL

The Liberals are the stunt riders of politics

The Liberal Democrats have launched a consultative paper hymning the virtues of the motorbike as an alternative to the car. It is an inspired move. A party that seemed in danger of riding the unicycle of irrelevance into the gutter of inconsequence has found a vehicle to appeal to the adventurous, one that might even overtake the lumbering juggernauts of Right and Left.

The motorbike is a quintessential Liberal machine. It is small, it changes direction quickly when it meets obstacles, it loses its sense of balance unless there's a strong hand at the controls and the number of impressive British models has been declining steadily since the Thirties. Although in David Lloyd George they had the archetypal Easy Rider. there has always been more of the air of the TT races than the Hell's Angels.

There have been almost as many false dawns for the British motorcycle industry since the war as there have been abortive Liberal revivals. In both cases mergers did nothing to improve the basic product.

 Undoubtedly, the lowest moment for the indigenous motorcycle industry was the establishment of the Meriden Co-operative, an idealistic exercise in avoiding harsh market realities which recalls, in its prelapsarian innocence and faith in human goodness, the Liberal Democrats' current tax proposals.

The new Liberal Democrat enthusiasm for the motorcycle is fuelled by an impeccably unleaded concern for the environment. The smaller engines of these machines beich fewer noxious molecules into the air than the average motor car, or come to that, politician. Also, because the motorbike like the Liberal Democrats' turbo-powered leader Paddy Ashdown - is all engine and no chassis, it takes up less space when parked and frees land for more fruitful use.

Any contemplation of the Liberal Democrats' future cannot ignore the talk among the Westminster grease monkeys about a merger between sleek new Labour and Paddy's party. Although inevitably junior partners, the Liberal Democrats deserve better than to be relegated to the sidecar beside Tony's Triumph.

The third party has shown a fine willingness to adopt positions which other politicians, more narrowly interested in ephemera such as winning elections, have been too cowardly to consider. Such bravery deserves respect. The Liberal Democrats are the Evel Knievels of British politics, and they deserve as much credit as any stunt rider who makes leaps in the dark.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Maxwell case

From Mr Robert Rhodes, QC

Sir, The humane decision of Mr Justice Buckley to stop a further long trial in the Maxwell case (reports and lead-ing article, September 20) is to be ap-plauded, and should not cause the heavens to fall. It should not have any effect on the mode of trial of fraud cases. No man should be required to undergo the strain of a further long trial after a previous trial lasting six months or more, especially where that hearing had dealt with the most serious allegations of criminality in the

The decision of the Serious Fraud Office to seek to pursue a second trial after the acquittals in the first, very long, trial contrasts with its commendable conduct in the rather shorter Barlow Clowes case (reports, February 11, 1992).

There the indictment had also been severed and the more serious charges (involving theft of investors' funds)

were tried over some 112 days.

At the conclusion of that trial, with the conviction of two defendants and the acquittal of two others, the prosecution immediately dropped the charges (principally involving allegations of "share ramping") that would have formed the subject of a second. long, trial against them although (as in the Maxwell case) other defendants who had not been in the first case were also to have stood trial.

Yours faithfully. ROBERT RHODES, Littleton Building. 3 King's Bench Walk North, September 20.

From Mr Jonathan Goldberg, QC

Sir, I am not ashamed to admit that I am usually baffled by the detail, the complexity and the sheer weight of reading material with which I am confronted when I set out to defend in serious fraud trials, as I not infrequently do. I therefore readily infer the difficulty of a lay jury trying to grapple with the same material. Moreover, I am paid to read it and re-read it months before the trial by way of preparation, whereas they come to it cold.

Fortunately for me, I am invariably assisted through the minefield by an expert witness, normally an accountant, with whom I can consult so that difficult financial concepts can be explained to me in simple terms and, hopefully through me, to the eventual

Often the real issue at the heart of the fraud turns out to be relatively simple, and one which a lay jury is well equipped to decide. The problem in these cases is seeing the wood for the trees.

Surely the answer would lie in a compromise which in part exists already in continental trial systems. A professional assessor from a highly qualified panel, such as an accountant, stockbroker or banker, depending on the nature of the fraud alleged, should sit as the twelfth juror. He would have the same rights in all respects as the remaining 11 jurors, but would be well able to guide them through the technicalities in the way

my expert guides me. There is no real danger of their attaching too much weight to his views because at the end of the day they can outvote him if they wish. Under our existing system of majority verdicts in criminal trials ten of the 12 will pro-

duce the verdict either way. In this way we will not throw the baby out with the bathwater, as those who seek to abolish juries in such നാർ ഗിവിൻ മാട്ടെ

Yours sincerely, JONATHAN J. GOLDBERG, 3 Temple Gardens, Temple, EC4. September 20.

Ashdown on Brussels From Mr Michael Kirkbride

Sir, Paddy Ashdown identifies two internal threats to the European Union ("Brussels: too bossy for its own good", September 17): the "little nation-staters" and the "big nation-staters". He also proposes four objectives for setting the Union "on a new track": the simplification of existing treaties. a stronger European Court of Justice. putting a stop to "creeping EU legislation" and the introduction of a right of secession for discontented member

All this is excellent, and I write as a committed European; but one would have liked to hear a little more of how

these objectives can be achieved. It seems to me that the Union is in a bind; there is an urgent need for constitutional reform, but within the institutions of Europe there is little or no motivation to undertake it; the overriding authority of the Council of Ministers needs to be broken, along with the entrenched power of the Commission to meddle and to manipulate: and the powers of the European Parliament over them both should be extended and its relationship with the national parliaments re-

defined. But can one imagine Mr Santer,. Chancellor Kohl, President Chirac, and Prime Minister Major giving up power? Or Mr Blair, for that matter? I should like to know from Mr Ashdown how he thinks this circle can be broken.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL KIRKBRIDE, Orchard Cottage. Knole, Langport, Somerset. September 18.

Learning from the Value of volunteering in a 'gap year'

From Mr Andrew Rowe, MP for Mid Kent (Conservative)

Sir. Your leader of September 17 on the gap year raised a matter of policy which deserves more attention than it gets: the place of voluntary service in the development of young people.

National military service has been credited with instilling a sense of dis-cipline and responsibility in the young people who went through it. Whether that was true or not, the system cannot be reintroduced in the late 1990s. On the other hand, there is a mass of evidence that young people who have had the opportunity to serve others in a voluntary capacity emerge from the experience greatly enriched.

Home Office research has shown that being given responsibility for someone less fortunate than themselves is one of the most effective ways of diverting young offenders from a life of crime

The experience of community service volunteers over the past 34 years has demonstrated again and again that young people with very little selfesteem can be turned into self-confident, responsible adults by properly supervised and supported voluntary work on behalf of others.

On June 6, 1995, when launching the "Make a Difference" initiative, the Home Secretary acknowledged this by promising that every young person who wanted to do so would be given a chance to volunteer.

Unfortunately, this pledge has so far been implemented only minimally and the initiative, which has so much potential, has made disappointingly slow progress.

What is needed is a national programme to enable young people. whether students or not, to serve as volunteers in properly structured projects and thus grow up realising that service to others develops all sorts of qualities which will stand them and the nation in good stead all through Such a programme will only suc-

ceed if government at national and local level, employers, educational institutions and parents see it as valuable and build it into their expectations. It is about time that the widespread

Surgeons' standards Of course, there will now be compe-

European union", Medical briefing. September 18) is right to say that British surgeons, although now specialising in a narrower field, are, by their earlier core training, also in a sense generalists - a fact recognised traditionally by the diploma FRCS.

Quality of Radio 3

From Mr Jean-Norman Benedetti

Sir, Perhaps Radio 3 might stand a better chance of survival (article, Arts, September 18) if it were to question the assumption that it is "the envy of the

Having spent most of the summer in the Dordogne I was able to benefit from France Musique and France Culture, both of which broadcast 24 hours a day. At their best, they seemed to me to achieve the standard of the old Third Programme, in a way that Radio 3 no longer does.

There is a coverage of literature, history, theatre and philosophy not to be found here. Programmes are presented in clear, literate French and broadcasters are allowed to speak in the language, however complex, that

is appropriate to their subject.

No easy answers

From Mrs Anne Baring

Sir. Science sometimes appears to be so limited in its understanding of human needs, so dogmatic in its statements about the nature of reality and so contemptuous of the non-rational that inevitably it polarises society into two camps: those who accept the mechanistic paradigm science offers and those who do not (British Association report, September 11; see also letter, September 18).

The fascination with the paranormal can perhaps be understood as an instinctive attraction to the mystery of life and a longing to explore whatever science has dismissed as not worthy of exploration.

The belief often promoted by science that life can be manipulated and controlled for human advantage is an attitude that many people find arrogant and repellent, not to say immature

They feel closer, perhaps, to J. B. S. Haldane's suspicion "that the universe is not only queerer than we suppose, but queerer than we can suppose".

Yours faithfully, ANNE BARING, White Lodge, Grange Park, Alresford, Hampshire. September 19.

policy. Yours faithfully, ANDREW ROWE, House of Commons

demand for such a national initiative

became a priority in government

September 17. From the Executive Director of

Community Service Volunteers Sir, Through Community Service Volunieers (CSV) thousands of young people already spend their gap year "putting into practice their commit-ment to the environment or concern for the aged" in the UK.

Today more than 3,000 young people, many in their gap year, invest up to 12 months to volunteer to help people in need, and our "citizen service" demonstration projects in Southwark, Sunderland and Cardiff are proving both that young people are willing to give their time and that there is work for them to do.

Yours faithfully, ELISABETH HOODLESS. Executive Director, CSV, 237 Pentonville Road, N1. September 17.

From the Chief Executive of Raleigh International

Sir, I could not agree more with the sentiments echoed in your editorial. A gap year can be good or bad. Failing to use the time well will do little to enhance the chance of a place at university: but a well planned gap year may be looked upon favourably.

However, I was concerned to read a young woman's impressions of Raeigh International (Features, "I won't skin rabbits", September 17). Over the past 12 years 12,000 young people have taken the opportunity, through Raleigh, to work in remote and challenging locations of the world on projects of lasting benefit, developing their team work and other life skills. We don't ask them to skin rabbits.

Yours sincerely, JAMIE ROBERTSON-MACLEOD. Chief Executive, Raleigh International. Raleigh House, 27 Parsons Green Lane, SW6.

tition for consultant posts from those

trained abroad to the basic standard

required by EU agreement. I am not

worried by our acceptance of these

baseline continental standards for I

assurance that every appointments committee will include an assessor

from the Royal College of Surgeons.

In no field do minimum standards

necessarily equate with appointment. Open and fair competition for prized

consultant appointments are the ulti-

mate safeguard.

Yours faithfully,

September 19.

RODNEY SWEETNAM.

35-43 Lincoln's l'nn Fields, WC2.

The Royal College of

Surgeons of England,

been compromised by any European

From the President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England

Sir, Dr Stuttaford ("Surgeons opt for

In future surgeons will become Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons only after, rather than before, a long period of specialist training and subsequent success in an examination conducted jointly with our sister coleges in Scotland and Ireland.

It is true that minimum standards have now been agreed across the European Union. Generally, though, training is longer in this country and second to none. Its content has not

> The BBC seems to have become convinced that presentation is more imnortant than content. Conforming with what is now, surely, an out-ofdate populism, Radio 3 presenters string together colloquial expressions in a patois that nobody actually speaks, or they explain so carefully hey sound like a junior schools

> broadcast of the 1930s. In either case they sound condescending, and I cannot imagine the young people they are supposed to be hoping to attract are either impressed or taken in. Indeed, by its refusal to insist on clear, unaffected, educated speech, the BBC has in my view contributed to the educational crisis that afflicts this country.

Yours sincerely JEAN BENEDETTI. 112 Goldhurst Terrace, NW6. September 18.

Primogeniture

From Mr Alan Clark

Sir, Lord St John of Fawsley is reported in today's paper (early editions) as saying that a change in the law of primogeniture "should" be applied to "the land-owning classes" before being applied to the Crown.

Aside from its peremptory tone, this judgment offers problems of definition. Why not include artisans? What about bankers, or garagistes? John Maynard Keynes, like Lord St

John unmarried but certainly of equal eminence, dismissed the concept of long-term planning with his notorious aphorism "... in the long run we are all dead". Some of your readers may feel that

opinions - still more, legislation would carry greater weight when coming from those with descendants of their own.

Yours sincerely, ALAN CLARK, Saltwood Castle, Kent. September 17.

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To think, or just to seem to think?

From Professor I. Aleksander, FEng

Sir, Before Matthew Parris retires to feed his ducks (article, September 16) he should accept some congratulations for having put his finger on the conundrum about conscious machines: we cannot prove that machines are conscious, but then we realise that the consciousness of our best friends cannot be proved either. This

is very depressing.

The reason I dare to work on consciousness in artificial organisms is because I am interested not in whether a machine might seem conscious to a casual observer (which is just the tip of the iceberg), but what manner of

machinery might be convincing.

Parris's program for getting machines to say "!" regularly and causing them to pause while they think is not quite the kind of thing I am looking for. They will only be convincing if they are not programmed but are constructed in a way that allows them to

build up a real sense of "identity". People are all made in pretty much the same way. Animals too are not all that different — the neurons and hormones and neutrotransmitters and microtubules are all there perhaps in slightly different mixtures. We, as yet, do not know how it all gels to make consciousness.

It is important that we should know, if only because distortions of consciousness are of major medical concern. But that's where machines come in - they help us to find out. Machines are there to test hypotheses and support experiments which could not be done on living creatures.

The excitement comes not from the ambition to be the next Dr Frankenstein, but from the discovery of principles which machines and living organisms might share.

In fact the person who unveils the first conscious machine might be greeted by a pronounced scientific

(Professor of Neural Systems Engineering). Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, Department of Electrical Exhibition Road, SW7.

Art of oratory

September 16.

From Mr Peter Cadogan

IGOR ALEKSANDER

Sir, Peter Riddell tells us ("The old orators are still the best", September 14), that "Gladstone managed [to speak for two or three hours] with minimal preparation",

Up to a point. Gladstone was probably the only political leader to have designed a purpose-built oratorical tower in which to rehearse his speeches, which he had specially built onto his study in Hawarden Castle. It contains a spiral iron staircase leading to an iron platform from which he could thunder to his heart's content. The study and the tower have been kept exactly as he left them.

Yours truly.
PETER CADOGAN. 3 Hinchinbrook House. Greville Road, NW6. September 15.

Perils of horse power

From Dr Frederick O'Dwyer

Sir. In addressing the correlation be-tween road fatalities and the advent of the motor car, Mr Angus Duncan (letter. September 12; see also letter, September 6) quite reasonably questions the proposition that horse transport was safer "per journey mile".

Indeed, it would seem that the age of horse power encompassed a whole range of perils, including that supposedly modern phenomenon.

The Calender of the State Papers Relating to Ireland (published in 1908) reproduces a report sent from Dublin in 1667 of a particularly extreme example concerning a dispute about "presedency" or precedence for the Earl of Clancarty being in his coach, accompanying the funeral of Sir Thomas Harman, who commanded the Horse

Guard lately, was met in a crowded street by the Earl of Roscommon in his coach, rho, as eldest Earl, endeavouring to take place and being resisted by the Earl of Clancarty's footmen and coachmen, who could not possibly remove their coach out of the way at that time, came out of his coach in great heat and, falling amongst the foot-men, wounded two or three of the Earl of Clancarty's footmen and killed one of his

Yours sincerely, F. M. O'DWYER. 12 Glendoher Close. Rathfarnham, Dublin. September 17.

From Miss Catherine Lambert

Sir. W. Outram Tristram, in Coaching Days and Coaching Ways (1901). his book on 18th-century travel, tells us that although wheels came off and axles broke with depressing regularity there were few records of fatal

He also quotes the coffee-house gentleman of a slightly later period who remarked: "You are thrown out of a coach and there you are, but if you are thrown out of a railway carriage where are you?"

Yours faithfully. CATHERINE LAMBERT. 118 Clapham Road, SW9. September 13.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 20: The Princess Royal this morning opened a new Mobile Bibleworld during the Scottish Christian Resources Exhibition at the Scottish Exhibition Centre, Glasgow, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow (Mr Patrick Lally, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost). Her Royal Highness, Visitor.

later visited Strathcarron Hospice, Randolph Hill, Denny, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Stirling and Palkirk (Colone) James Stirling of

The Princess Royal this afternoon opened the new office of Matthew Gloag and Son Limited, West Kinfauns, Perth, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Licutenant of Perth and Kinross (Sir-David Montgomery, Bt). YORK HOUSE

September 20: The Duke of Kent, President, the Royal National Life-boat Institution, this morning visited the Looe Lifehoat Station, Seafront Shelter, West End, East

His Royal Highness this after-noon visited the Plymouth Lifeboat Station, Custom House, Custom House Lane, Plymouth, and the Exmouth Lifeboar House, Esplanade, Exmouth, Devon. The Duke of Kent this evening

attended a B Division, Staff College Camberley 1966 reunion dinner, at the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, London SWI.

Royal engagement

TODAY: The Duke of Kent, as Patron of the London Philharmonic, will attend a benefit concert at Glyndebourne, East Sussex, at 4.15.

Marketors' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Marketors' Company for the ensuing year. Master, Mr D.G. Thomas; Senior Warden, Dr R.A. Hood: Middle Warden, Mr J. Petersen; Junior Warden, Professor J.A.P.

Lady Cullen of Ashbourne

A service of thanksgiving for Lady Cullen of Ashbourne will be held at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, London, SW3, at Ham on October 24.

Alfred Doulton

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Alfred John Farre Doulton, at 5.00pm on Monday, October 14, at St Michael's Church, South Grove, Highgate, No. For further information please contact Highgate School (018) 340 1524).

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Girolamo Savonarola, preacher and martyr, Ferrara, Italy, 1452; John McAdam, inventor of the road surface of that name, Ayr, 1756; Louis Bonaparte, King of Holland 1806-10, Ajaccio, Corsica, 1778; H.G. Wells, novelist, Bromley, Kent, 1866; Gustave Holst, composer, Chelrenham, 1874; Sir Allen Lane, publisher. founder of Penguin Books (1936). Bristol, 1902.

DEATHS: Virgil, Roman poet, Brundisium (Brindisi), 19 BC; Sir Walter Scott, novelist and poet, Abbotsford, Borders, 1832; Arthu Schopenhauer, philosopher, Frankfurt, 1860: Sir Montague Burton, multiple tailor, Leeds,

The first recorded western film, the 21-minute Kit Carson, opened in America, 1903.

BIRTHS: Anne of Cleves, fourth wife of King Henry VIII, Cleves, Germany, 1515; Michael Faraday, chemist, London, 1791; Dame Christabel Pankhurst, suffragette, Manchester, 1890; Erich von Stroheim, actor and film director,

DEATHS: Johann Agricola, Lutheran reformer, Berlin, 1506; John Biddle, Unitarian, London, 1662; Frederick Soddy, chemist, Nobel laureate 1921, Brighton, 1956; Oliver St John Gogarty, surgeon and writer, New York, 1957; Irving Berlin, song writer.

Sir Robert Walpole became the first Prime Minister to occupy 10 Downing Street, 1735. Commercial television began in Britain; the first advertisement

was for Gibbs SR toothpaste, 1955.

Service dinners

HMS Victory Rear-Admiral Jan Spoelstra, RNLN, was the principal guest at a dinner held last night onboard HMS Victory in Portsmouth to mark his retirement as Chief-ofllied Staffs to the Commander-in-Chief Eastern Atlantic area. Admiral Sir Perer Abbott, Commander-in-Chief Fleet and Commander-in-Chief Eastern Atlantic, Vice-Admiral C. van Duyvendijk, RNLN, Deputy Commander-in-Chief Eastern Atlantic, Rear-Admiral J. F. Perowne, Commander Submarines Eastern Atlantic, and Air Vice-Marshal C. R. Spink,

HMS Collingwood

Mrs John Chadwick was the guest of honour at a ladies dinner held last night in the wardroom of HMS Collingwood. Commander J.Blackett presided.

Commander Air Forces Eastern

Atlantic, were among the guests.

Royal Regiment of Fusiliers Serving and retired officers of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers held their annual dinner last night at the Naval and Military Club. Brigadier D.A.K. Biggart, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

4th and 5th Battalions Dorset Regiment (1939-1945) General Sir John Wilsey attended the annual dinner of Officers of the

4th and 5th Battalions Dorset Regiment (1939-1945) held last night at the TA Centre, Dorsided.

Dinners

Distillers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their latties, attended a dinner of of the Distillers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Peter Hallgarten, Master, presided, assisted by the Wardens. The Lord Mayor, Mr David Rutherford and Mr Christopher Mitchell also spoke. The Masters of the Brewer's and Leathersellers' Companies and their ladies were among the guests.

Raroness Falkender Baroness Young, Chairman of the Independent Schools Joint Coun-cil, was the guest of honour at a dinner held last night at the House of Lords, by courtesy of Baroness Falkender, to mark the silver jubilee of the Association of Representatives of Old Pupils Societies. Dr Arthur Hearnden, general secretary of the council, and Mr M.E.C. Comer President and founder of AROPS, were among



Judy Boyt, the sculptor, with a model of her tribute to the horse, which she hopes will fill an empty plinth opposite Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square. If her idea for an 11-horse sculpture is accepted, Ms Boyt, of Devizes, Wilishire, will spend three years making the twice-lifesize bronze horses at an estimated cost of £1 million

Weekend birthdays

Mr Ian Albery, impresario, 60; Lord Barnard, 73; the Hon Mrs Rhiannon Chapman, former director, Industrial Society, 50; Mr Leonard Cohen, singer, poet and composer, 62: Mrs Shirley Canran, writer, 64: Mr William Dacombe, banker, 62: Miss Mary Dacombe, banker, 62; Miss Mary Fetherston-Dilke, former matronin-chief, QARNNS, 78; General Sir John Gibbon, 79; Mr Larty Hagman, actor, 65; Professor J.M. Ham, electrical engineer, 76; Mr John Hoddinott, Chief Constable, Hampshire, 52; Sir Colin Imray, diplomat, 63; Lord Ironside, 72; Professor Sir Hugh Lloyd-Jones. Professor Sir Hugh Lloyd-Jones, Emeritus Professor of Greek, Oxford University, 74; Sir lan MacGregor, former chairman, National Coal Board, 84; Sir Peter Matthews, company director, 74: Mr Simon Mayo, broadcaster, 38: Mr Anthony Millard, Head-master, Giggleswick School, 48:

Mr Bill Murray, actor, 46; Miss Jean Robertson, former matron-in-chief. QARNNS, 68; Sir John A. Smith, former deputy commissioner, Metropolitan Police, 58; Sir Brian Unwin, president and chair-man of the board, European In-vestment Bank 61: Professor Ber-nard Williams, philosopher, 67; Mr Jimmy Young, broadcaster, 73. TOMORROW:

Dr Dannie Abse, poet, 73; Mr John Caird, theatre director and writer, 48; Sir George Cartland, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Tasmania, 84; Miss Maria Charles, actress, 67; Dr David Drewry, director, Science and Technology, Natural Environment Research Council, 49; Dr Liam Fox, MP, 35; Mr William Franklyn, actor, 70; Miss Gina Frathin, fashion designer, 65; Mr Colin Graham, opera director, 65; the Earl of Guilford, 63; Sir James Henry, former chairman, Foreign

Professor Sir Frederick Holliday, Group, 61; Mr Graham Jones. Headmaster, Repton School, 52: Miss Deborah Lavin, Principal-elect, the new college, Durham University, and president of the Howlands Trust, 57: Mr Mark Loveday, senior partner, Cazenove, 53; Professor Norbert Lynton, art historian, 69; Sir Charles Mander, company chair-man, 75; Sir Nigel Mobbs, chairman, Slough Estates, 59: Lord Moran, 72: Captain Mark Phillips, equestrian trainer, 48: Mrs Mary

Reveley, racehorse trainer, 56; Lord Saye and Sele, 76; Mr John Tomlinson, operatic bass, 50: Mr Alan Waterworth, Lord-Lieuten-Alban (St Albans). ant of Merseyside, 65; Mrs Fay Weldon, writer. 65; Sir John Holy Trinity. Upper Tooting: to be also Rural Dean of Tooting Wickerson, former president, Law Society, 59; Lord Younger of Prest-wick, KT, 65.

Church news

The Rev Nigel Abbott, Rector. Much Hadham, and Chairman of the Dicesan Board for Social Responsibility (St Albans): to be also an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St The Rev Harold Aldridge, Vicar. Burton and Shotwick: now also Rural Dean of Wirral South

(Chester). The Rev Ian Arthur, Rector, Potton w Sutton and Cockayne Hatley: to be Priest-in-charge, Sharnbrook and Knotting w Souldrop (St

The Right Rev Edwin Barnes,

Bishop of Richborough and Provincial Episcopal Visitor: to be also an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Canon Bernice Broggio. Vicar,

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.P.St.J. Barrett and Miss E.J. Thomas The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Dr and Mrs Andrew Barrett, of Fresh-

water, Isle of Wight, and Jessica, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Thomas, of Ashley Gardens, Mr D.R. Ettle

and Miss E.K. Whitehead The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Roy Entle, of Bloxwich, West Midlands, and Emma-Kate, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Whitehead, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands.

Mr R.R. McLatire and Miss F.M. Nuttall The engagement is announced between Rick Richmond, youngest son of Larry and Lydia McIntire, of Sarasota, Florida, USA, and Fay Michele, eldest daughter of John and Diana Nuttall, of Oakwood,

Dr D.K.L. Prosser and Miss J.R. Evans The engagement is announced between David, son of Brigadier and Mrs Keith Prosser, of Putney, and Jennifer, fourth daughter of Mr and Mrs John Evans, of Brighton.

Mr J.P. Rutteman
and Miss V.G. Berman
The engagement is announced
between John, son of Mr Paul
Rutteman, CBE, and Mrs
Rutteman, of Dulwich, London,
and Victoria daughter of Sir and Victoria, daughter of Sir Frank and Lady Berman. of

Blackheath, London. Mr C.R. Sherriff and Miss L.T. Healey
The engagement is announced
between Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs Mark Sherriff, of Blairdrummond, Stirling, and Toland, daughter of Mr and Mrs

Robert Healey, of Philadelphia USA. Mr M.R.C. Wyatt and Miss K.J. Stainton The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of the late Mr R.C. Wyatt and of Mrs Wyatt, of Camddwr Farm, Clwyd, and Katie, only daughter of Mr NJ. Stainton, of Kendal, Cumbria, and

of Mrs J.W. Raw. of Ewhurst

Marriages

Mr R.R.P. Grounds
and Mrs D.M.E. Greafell
A Service of Blessing took place at
All Saints Church. Hordle. Lymington, Hampshire, on Saturday, September 14, 1996, following the marriage of Roger Grounds, son of Mr Stanley Paterson Grounds, to Diana Grenfell,

elder daughter of Mrs Muriel Roberts. Mr T.R. Mazori and Miss A.M. Grady

The marriage took place on Sun-day. September 8, 1996, at St Saviour's RC Church, Lewisham. between Tjay Mazuri and Angela Grady. Mr S. Montague-Jones

and Mrs A.M. Morris The marriage took place on Tues-day, September 17, at Christ's Chapel, Alleyn's College of God's Gift, Dulwich, of Stephen Montague-Jones and Anna Mary Morris.

née Field, both of Lymington.

Hampshire. Mr J.M.Q. Polturak and Miss H.A. Steel

The marriage took place on Fri-day. September 6, at The Priory Church of St Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, ECI, between Jeremy, son of the late Mr and Mrs Jerzy Polturak, ul Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, and Harriet, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs George Steel, of Weybridge,

Surrey. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Scarlett and Astrid Dalton, Ms Katherine Steel, Miss Lisa Firestone, Miss Laura Fraser. Mrs Annie Jacobsen. Miss Ruth Macconachie and Miss Alice Thomas. Mr Harry Shiers was best man.

Service reception

RAF Strike Command Air Chief Marshal Sir William Wratten, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief RAF Strike Com-mand, and Lady Wratten received the guests at the annual reception of Headquarters Strike Command held last night at RAF High Wycombe.

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Representatives of High Commissions, Embassies, Local Government, industry, HM Forces, professional associations and the local community were

Church services tomorrow

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
BELFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 HC: 11 S Euch,
Holy Holy Holy (Schubert), Schubert in G:
3.30 Inter-Church Service for the speech
handkapped, A Caribbean Jubilate (Kelly), O
Lorde the maker (Jobbert).

EDITE THE MINISTRATE OF MP. 9.15
FIC. 11 Choral Euch. Missa Brevis in C
(MOZER). Rev D Claringbull; 4 Festal E.
Wakzfield Service Clarien, The heavens are
relling (Haydn), Sumsion in G. reling (Haydri, Sumsion in G.

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.15

Choral M. Almighty God, who hast me brought (Ford); 10.30 Euch, Missa Brevis in D (Mozari), Canon A Hindisy; 4 Choral E, Beati quorum via (Stanford), The Provost.

BRECON CATHEDRAL: 8, 11 Holy Euch. Missa Acterna Christi Munera (Palestrina). The Dean; 3.30 E. Blair in B minor. O Lord we besech thee (Pring). BRISTOL CATHEDRAL, College Green: 7.40 M: 8 HC; 10 Choral Euch, The Christchurch Mass (Archer), How beautiful are the feet (Handel), Canon J Simpson: 3.30 Choral E. Sumsion in D. A song of wisdom (Stanford), Canon P Johnson.

CADERIAN BANGOR CATHEDRAL: 8 Holy Euch; 9.45 Cymun Bendigaid; 1 I Choral M. Ireiand In F. Lord we pray thee (Haydn); 3.15 Choral E. Aston In F. Thou wilk keep him (Wesley); 5 Gosber.

(Wesley); 5 Gosber.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M;
11 S Euch, Missa super bel'amfirit altera
(Lassus), Jubilate deo (de Rore), Rev P Brett;
3.15 E, Stanford in C, Expectans expectsvi
(Wood); 6.30 West Charing Deanery E, Ven M
Smith.

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CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 S Euch. Darke In F. Ave verum corpus (Byrd). Canon C Hill; 3 E, 6.30 E sung by choir.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP: 8 HC: 9.30 Euch, The Provost: 11.15 S Euch, Darke In F. Ave verum (Byrd). Canon B Thompson; 6 Choral E, Wood In F. O Lorde the maker of al thing (Joubert). Canon T Shannon.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L: 8 HC: 10 Choral Euch, Darke In F. Jesu dulcis memoria (Shepherd), The Dean; 11.30 Choral M. John Ireland In F. Seek the Lord (Bilss); 3.30 Choral E. Cesar's Service (Amner), Like as the har (Howells): 6.30 Evening, Canon T Dennis.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M. Short Service (Weelkes). Sing we merrily (Banten), R Rev E knapp-Pisher: 11 S Euch. Missa Bell'Amfliril' Aliera (Lassus). I sat down under his shadow (Bairstow). The Precentor: 3.30 E, Purcell in E minor. The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar).

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP: 8 Communion: 10.30 Euch. Stoncieligh Setting (Wright). Canon C Burch: 3 German Lutherans; 3 Polish: 5.30 E. O Lord Increase my faith (Loosemore). Hereford Service (Lloyd).

DERBY CATHEDRAL: 3 HC: 10.40 S Euch.

(Lloyd).

DERBY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.40 S Euch.
Whitiock in G. Hali gladdening light (Wood).

Rev T Chesteman: 6.30 E. Wood in E flat.
Sing we mertly (Campbell). Exultemus
(Whitiock). Rev G Marshall. DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. Canon D Brown; 10 M. Britten in C. Lord thou hast told tCrum.

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC, Canon J Inge: 10.30 S Euch, Missa O quam Gioriosum (Vittoria). O Lord Increase my faith. Rev J inge: 3.45 E, treland in F, O Lord the maker of all thing (Joubert). all thing flowberd.

EXETER CATHEDRAL: B HC: 9.45 S Euch, O Holy Spirit Lord of grace (Tye), Darke in F. View me Lord (Lloyd), The Dean; 11.15 M, Boyce in C, Beati quorum via (Stanford), The Precentor, 3 E, Purcell in G minor, Cantique de Jean Racine (Fauré): 6.30 E, Chants 282 à 277, Corne let's rejoice (Amner), Preb B Tubbs. GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.12.15 HC-10.15 Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd). Canon C Morgan; 3 E. Royal British Legion, Biair in B minor, And I saw a new heaven

(Bairstow).

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. Rev Prof D
Martin: 9.45 S Euch, Stanford in G & B flat,
Jesu grant me this (Whitlock), Canon G Redd:
11.15 M, Jubliate (Schutz), O where shall
wisdom be found (Boyce), The Sub Dean &
Preparative LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 MP.

10.30 S Euch; 4 Choral E.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S

Euch; 3.30 E.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L: 8, 12.30 HC;

9.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis in D K194 (Mozart),
Carnon A Danaux; 11.15 M, Short Service (Gibbons), Let thy merciful ears (Mudd); 3.45

E. Collegium regale (Howells), And I saw a new heaven (Bafinon), Canon M Hunter,
LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & Litany; 8,
12.30 Holy Euch, Rev N Court; 9 Parish Euch,
Rev N Court; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Caesar),
God be in my head (Rutter), The Canon; 3.30

Choral E, Stanford in B flat, For Io, I raise up (Stanford); 6.30 E & Sermon, Mr A Steele.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9

Choral E, Stanford in B flat, For 10, 1 raise up (Stanford); 6.30 E & Sermon, Mr A Steele.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC: 10.30 S Euch & Confirmation, Jackson in G, O Lord give thy Holy Spirit (Tallis), Bishop Roxburgh: 6.30 E. O thou the central orb (Wood), Canon P Denty,

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M: 8 HC. Canon B Langley: 9.30 S Euch, Canon B Langley: 9.30 S Euch, Canon B Langley: 6 Choral E. NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 S Euch, Leicsser Service [Sumsion), Lord in thy rage (Byrd): 6.30 Choral E. Stanford in B flat. Through the day (Moore).

NORWICH CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC: 9.30 Royal Norfolk Regiment Association; 10.30 S Euch, Coronation Mass (Mozari), Wash me throughly (Wesley), Rev A Browne: 3.30 E. Day in B flat, Beall quorum via [Stanford). The Archdeacon: 6.30 Compiline. PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL-9.30 M, Stanford in G; 10.30 E Brewer in D. My Soul there is a country (Parry).

RIPON CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch. Canon K Punshon: 11.30 M, Britteri in C, O taste and see (Vaughan Williams); 12.30 E Uch. Rev D Murfet: 3 Holy Baptism. 5.30 E, Stanford in G, Though I speak with the tongues of men (Balistow), Canon K Punshon.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30

Orchestral Mass. Missa Sancti Nicolal, Ave verum (Mozar), Rev A Moses. 3.15 E. Let thy merciful ears (Mudd), Jackson in G. Lord thou hast been our refuge (Boyce): 6.30 Ucensing of Evangeslists, Canon M Wilson. thou hast been our refuge (Boycel: 6.30 Licensing of Evangeslists, Canon M Wilson. SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Agnus Del II (Palestrina), Miss M Seby; 1: 45 Text for the Day; 6.30 E & Sermon, Bistr in B minor. Expectans Expectavi. The Provost. SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch, The Provost; 1: Choral Euch, Missa O guam gloriosum (Victoria), Teach me O Lord (Byrd), Locus Iste (Bruckner), Rev R White; 3 Choral E. Coveniuy Service (Whetham), My Deloved spake (Purcell), Rev H Cunillife.

SOUTHWELL MINNSTER: 7.30 M & Litany; 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion, The Vicar. Choral: 1: S Euch, Darke in F. Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Canon I Bunding; 3:15 E. Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. Balistow in D. Te lucis ante terminum (Gardiner), Rev G Maliby.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M; 10 S Euch, Schubert in G. Rev M Ellis 6 E, Stanford in A. Like as the hard (Howelis), Ven R Whiteman. WAREFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Canon G Nalm-Briggs; 9, 15 Parish Communion. The Provost; 11 Solemn Euch, Mass for four volces (Byrd), Sumsion in G. Canon D Baxier; 6.30 E, Ireland in F. Ple Jesu (Paure), The Bishop

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Standard Brob.

6-30 E. Ireland In F. Ple Jesu (Paurè), The Bishop WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Jackson in G. Ave verum corpus (Elgar), Preb A Wallace; 11.30 M, Ireland in C. The Lord is my shepherd (Radcilifie); 3 E. Purcell in E misnor, O sing unto the Lord (Purcell), Preb M Wright.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC: 10 M. Short Service (Byrd), Prevent us O Lord (Byrd), Sis F Dominica: 11.15 Euch, Missa brevis (Berkeley), Litany to the Holy Spirit (Hurford), The Lord is my shepherd (Berkeley), The Dean; 3 E. Stanford in A. Come Holy Ghost (Harvey). Carlon A Harvey: 5.45 Organ Rectial: 6.30 E. Rev Cowell.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Solemn Mass, Missa Ave maris stella (Victoria), Laudibus in sanctis (Byrd), O sacrum convivium (Tallist, Crown Imperial (Walton): 3.30 Solemn V & B. Magnificat septimi toni (Lassus), O salutaris hostle (Rossini), Pannistie in E. flat (Saint-Saens); 4.30 Organ Rectial: 400 Dec. 10.30 M. Rossini Recommended (Malton): Dec

(Rossini). Fantasie in E flat (Saint-Saens);
4.30 Organ Recital.
WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M.
TE Deum In E (Britten). Erulitare Deo
(Palestrina). Lord Coggan: 11.30 Euch, Missa brevis (Palestrina). Fügue in G minor (Bach);
3.30 E. Bairstow in D. Totus tuus (Gorecki),
Archdeacon of Basingstoke.
YORE MINSTER: 8,8.45 HC: 10 S Euch,
Stanford In C, Rev I, Stanbridge: 11.30 M,
Britten in C; 4 E. Stanford in B flat, O God
thou art my God (Purcell). Rev M Escritt.
ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL Clwyd: 8 HC: 11
Choral M. Stanford in B flat, Oh for a closer
walk with God (Stanford), Rev R Griffiths;
3.30 Choral E, Rose in C minor. Expectans
expectavi (Wood).
ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP. 8 HC:
9.30 Cymun Bendigaid, Y Deon; 9.30 Pamilly,
The Succentor: 11.15 Choral Euch, Sumsion
in F. God so loved the world (Stalnen). The

Canon: 6 Choral E. Walmisley in D minor, O thou the central orb (Wood), The Deart. Canon: 6 Choral E. Waimisley in D minor, O thou the central orb (Wood). The Dearl.

ST GILES: CATHEDRAL Edinbargh: 8 Morning HC. Rev C Kenny: 10 Morning HC. The Very Rev W McDonald. Gloria in Excelsis. Acterna Christi Munera (Palestina): 11.30 Morning, The Very Rev W McDonald. Behold O God our defender (Howells): 6 St Giles at Six Chansons; 8 Evening, Rev J Williams.

ST MACHARS CATHEDRAL, Old Aberdees: 11 Morning, For I went with the multitude (Aston). All thy works shall praise thee (Mathlas), Rev R Frazer; 6 Evening, Rev R Frazer; Frazer.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC; 8.45
M; 11 S Buch, Darke in F, O salutaris hostia
(Tailis), Rev J Halliburton; 3.15 E, Bairstow in
D, They that go down to the sea in ships
(Sumsion), Rev N Gailagher; 5.15 Organ
Pactial ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, WI: 8,5,15 LM; 10.20 MP: 11 HM, Missa O quam gioriosum (Victoria), Rev I Duvies; 6 E&B, Nicholson in D 11at, The Vicar.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, WI: 9 Communion; I 1 World Need Sunday, Rev D Applin; 6.30 Rev Dr J Stott. THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, WI: 11 KUE, CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC; 10 Children; 11 M, in manes tuas (Shepherd), Mr D Royce: 6 E, Mr J Watberston.

Watherston.
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.
Corbeit Garden, WC2: 11.15 Harvest
Thanksgiving, Rev S Hood; 6.30 Rev S Hood.
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8,
9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa Salve Reging (Victoria).
Nisi Dominus [Monteverdi): 12.30, 4.30, 7
Mass: 3.30 V & B. Ave verum (Poulenc).
ADMENIAN APPORTUSE CHURCH, PRESENTA ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH, Iverna Gdns. W8: 11 Holy Mass. Archbishop Y Gizirian.

Gdns, W8: 11 Holy Mass, Archbishop Y Gizirian.
WESLEYS CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45
HC; 11 Morning, Rev Dr L Griffiths.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL, HALL (Methodist), SWI: Harvest Festival; 11, 6.30. Dr P Graves.
ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, South Kernsington: 11 Missa Brevis a 4 (Monteverdl), Simile est Regnum (Morales).
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Linheran). Gresham St. EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev P Schmiege; 7 Jazz Vespers, Rev P Schmiege.
ST BABTHOLLOMEW THE GREAT. Smithfield. EC1: 9 HC: 11 Choral Euch. Missa aterma Christi munera (Palestina). The Rector, 6.30 This Spiritual House, A Processional Service (Leighton) (Second Service), Drop drop slow tears (Leighton). The Rector.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M &

Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch. Mozan in C., Ave verum corpus (Mozan & Byrd). The Lord Bishop of London; 6.30 Choral E. Tomidins 5th Service. Give ear O Lord (Weelkes). Canon I Oates.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 Choral Euch. Collegium Regale (Howells), Tantum ergo sacramentum (Durufle). Rev P Bishop.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, PORI Sireet, SW1: 11 Rev R Samson: 6.30 Songs of Spirit I. ST ETHELDREDA'S. Ely Place: 11 S Mass. Mass. In D (Dvorak), Beati Quorum Via (Stanford).

Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens. W2: 8 Euch:
10.30 S Euch; Little Organ Mass (Haydn). He
remembering his mercy (Walmisley), Rev A
Meldrum: 6 Choral E. Short Service
(Weelkes), Mater Christi (Taverner). ST JAMES'S, Piceadily: 8,30 HC: 11 S Euch. Rev S Cathle; 5.45 EP. STJOHN'S, Strationa E15: (I Family, Allegro in B flat (Bridge), Rev D Richards: 6.30 HC.

In 8 Har (Bridge), Rev D Richards: 6.30 HC, Rev M Okello.

ST MARKS, Regents Park Rd, NWI: 8 HC; 9.45 Family: 11 S Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Jubilate Deo (Britten), Rev T Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARETS, Westminster, SWI: 11 S Euch with Baptism, Missa brevis (Palestrina), O God the king of glory (Gibbons), Canon D Gray. Gray. ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC: 9.45 Euch, Rev B Schunemann: 11.30 Visitors, Rev B Schunemann: 2.45 Chinese: 5 Choral E: 6.30 Evening, Rec C Herbert.

Choral E; 6.30 Evening, Rec C Herbert.
ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, Kensington W8: 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 Parish Euch, Rev F Gelli; 11.15 Choral M, The Vicar; 6.30 E. Miss P Halnes.
ST MARY'S. Bourne Street, SWI: 9, 10, 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa brevis (Heredia), Fr B Scott: 6 Solemn E & B, ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10, 30 Festal Euch. Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), O salutaria hostia, Rev L van der Pump: 6 Living with faith.
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Assumpta est Maria (Palestrina), Give me the wings of faith (Leighton), Rev R McLacen.
ST PAUL'S, Wilson Place, SWI: 8, 9 HC; 11

(Leignton), Rev & McLaren. ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 Stanford in C. Hymn to St Cecilia (Britten), Rev C Courtauld. Station in C. Pyrin to St Lechia (Briterii, Rev C Courtauld.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SWI: 8, 15 HC: 10
Family Euch: 11 S Euch, Missa Vinum Bonum (Lassus). Ave Maria (Bruckneri, Jubilate (Mathias). Fr A Chidwick.

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WADE - Ruby Josephine (née Cordy-Hodder) on September 5th 1996, aged 92 of Clapham, South, London, died peacefully at Moorecroft Nursing Home, Somer, Min Wade is survived by six daughtens and two some and will be greatly missed.

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General Ernesto Geisel. President of Brazil, 1974-79, died in Rio de Janeiro on September 10 aged 89. He was born on August 3, 1907.

n the 21-year period of military dictatorship endured by Brazil from 1964 to 1985, the stewardship of Ernesto Geisel may be judged a good deal less harshly than those of his predecessors. Though the term "liberalisation" as applied to his regime needs to be seen strictly in the context of a no-dissent autocracy, the more shameful aspects of South American authoritarianism of the 1960s and 1970s were largely absent from his method of governing. Terror, torture and political murder, the stock reactions of South American regimes to any form of opposition. were not, as far as he could see, struments on which the adminisration of a country like Brazil could be sustained indefinitely.

Although he had originally backed

the coup that overthrew the civilian government of João Goulart in 1964. he realised that the remarkable economic growth which took place from the end of the 1960s onwards allowed more open elections (in the context, of course, of a system designed to preserve the government majority). Nevertheless, the introduction of a degree of direct election to the Senate may be seen as the first faltering steps which were to lead to the re-establishment of democracy under his successor, João Baptista de Figueiredo.

True, there was more than a degree of the involuntary in all this. Geisel recognised that the military regime was becoming deeply unpopular inside Brazil itself. He could see, too, that the appearance of internal liberalisation was making his couny more acceptable abroad than it aid been for many a long year. This popularity had, of course, much to do with his country's new-found prosperity. Its consequent desire to develop its infrastructure (and armaments) made it immensely attractive to European investors, whose consciences could be eased by the thought that they were dealing with a regime that was attempting to move towards political respectability. A state visit to Britain by Geisel in 1976, for example, ended in a flurry of deals by British banking and industrial groups covering the development of railways, the steel industry and offshore drilling for oil.

Ernesto Geisel was of German

GENERAL ERNESTO GEISEL



The Queen and President Geisel ride past protesters on their way from Victoria station to Buckingham Palace in May 1976

be loosened.

extraction; his grandfather had been a Lutheran minister in Stuttgart. He was born in the southern state of Rio Grande do Sul, a region with heavy German influence.

Though the Geisel family was not particularly well to do, its prospects were transformed when Ernesto's sister Amalia won the national lottery. Her three brothers were thus enabled to pay their way through Brazil's military academy.

Geisel prospered particularly under Getulio Vargas, the governor of his home province, who had seized power in 1930 for what was to become a lengthy presidency. Geisel had impressed the President as a young officer when he put to flight a group of rebels with a burst of machinegun fire, practically under the President's nose. When Vargas began a wordy speech of congratulation Geisel, realising that the firefight was not over yet, cut him short with: "Thanks,

but this is no place for a President." and to Vargas's aides, "Get him out of

Thereafter Geisel progressed swiftly to senior rank, helped by a course at the US Army General Staff and Command School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. In an economy at that stage virtually controlled by the military, he had considerable experience of oil production, being first head of an oil refinery and then for four years until 1961 a member of Brazil's National Petroleum Council.

After the 1964 overthrow of Goulart, in which he was an active participant, Geisel served under the first three military Presidents in various capacities. Retiring from the army in 1969, he was appointed president of Petrobras, the country's state-owned oil company, a post he held until 1973. When, in the following year he was selected President by the military he was almost completely unknown to the Brazilian public. He continued to support the broad aims of the right-wing revolution of 1964. The business of Brazil was to be business and nothing should stand in its way. But private enterprise and foreign investment were to be encouraged, and the old military grip on the reins of the industrial machine was to

This liberalisation was discernible in his political attitudes, too. While he was very far from anathematising torture of political prisoners, its systematic use was palpably less after 1974 than it had been before. Several army officers who were convicted of torturing prisoners to death were

On the overseas front he reduced his country's links with the US, established diplomatic relations with China, signed oil agreements with the Soviet Union and wooed the Arabs. He also enjoyed a fruitful commercial relationship with Britain's defence equipment manufacturers, who sold him submarines, frigates and guided missiles - all of which ensured that the Labour Government of the day found no difficulty in stopping its ears to leftwing protests and hostile public demonstrations against the presidential visit of May 1976. Geisel had previously visited both Bonn and Paris and with Britain's economy in dire straits it was no time to be letting

slip potentially lucrative contracts. Although very far from being a model, the regime of Geisel nevertheless let in some cracks of light on the tyrannous darkness which had prevailed in Brazil to that point, and this modest degree of illumination was eventually to lead to the restoration of democracy at the end of his successor's term in 1985.

Geisel was married with one daughter.

GRAHAM LAW

Graham Law, architect, died on September 13 aged 72. He was born in Glasgow on September 28, 1923.

A FOUNDING partner of the architectural practice, Law and Dunbar-Nasmith, and a member of the Royal Scottish Academy, Graham Law was one of the most distinguished Scottish architects of his generation.

Graham Couper Law was born in Glasgow and educat-ed at Merchiston Castle School. During the war he served in the Royal Engineers. spending some time in India where, in spare moments, he enjoyed sketching the bungalows in Bangalore.

After the war he went up to King's College, Cambridge, to study architecture. He found the postwar intellectual climate a great stimulus and graduated with a first-class degree. Under the tutelage of Nicholas Pevsner, his dissertation was the first serious study of Alexander "Greek" Thompson.

After a brief time in London he returned to Scotland, working initially for the Weir Housing Corporation and subsequently with Robert Matthew, who had just opened his first office.

Law was the fifth assistant to be taken on in that practice which grew to number hundreds; the work was varied and the atmosphere exceptionally stimulating. It was there that he met his future partner. James Dunbar-Nasmith, who had joined a few months earlier, and three years later they left to establish the practice which still carries their name. Law worked in it as a partner and eventually as a consultant for the rest of his life.

The practice was based in Edinburgh, but subsequently opened an office in Forres and more recently in Wieshaden, Germany. Like most practices at the time, the early work was domestic. It first came to public notice with a significant breakthrough in speculative housing at Dunblane.

At the same time, Law embarked on designing a se-ries of major exhibitions for

the Edinburgh Festival, some in association with Richard Buckle, which included Epstein, Hepworth, Indian Art and Dance, and Treasures from Scottish Houses. In these he displayed his talent for creating colour and drama with the minimum of materials and expense. As the practice grew, it received a number of commissions for new theatres, all the early ones being designed by him and all making a significant contribu-



tion to theatre design in this country.

The Eden Court Theatre reestablished the excitement of an opera house interior without any form of pastiche, something which he loathed, and the theatre at Pitlochry ensured that its magnificent site could be enjoyed as much by the company as by the audience. In all his work, he was determined that his buildings would give constant pleasure to the people who used them and there can be no doubt that he achieved this. All his major buildings received significant architectural awards and all received unusual public acclaim.

A talented painter, he was a regular contributor of both painting and architecture to the Royal Scottish Academy, and was elected an academician in 1995. But a man of clear mind and delightful wit, he was possessed of remarkable modesty.

He is survived by his wife Isobel and by their son and three daughters.

JOYCE PLESTERS

Joyce Plesters conservation scientist. o on August Zi a: 69. She was born on April 13, 1927.

COMBINING the seemingly disparate disciplines of chemistry and art history, Joyce Plesters played a focal role in advancing the understanding of painting techniques of Old Masters. As a conservation scientist working at the National Gallery she microscopically examined cross-sections of paint-layer structures in order to differentiate between orginal pigments and later restorations. Her work was " 'aluable not only in teaching how to conserve paintings by slowing down deterioration processes but also, through her research into changing painting techniqes over the past 700 years, in art historical scholarship.

The results of her pioneering work were first published in Studies in Conservation (1956) and her techniques were imitated in museums and galleries the world over. If

quicker and more efficient instrumental methods of analinvented, technical art history may still be said to be rooted in the work of Joyce Plesters.

Rosa Joyce Plesters was born at Studley in Warwick-shire. She took a degree in chemistry at Royal Holloway College, London, before going on to become the third member of the Scientific Department of the National Gallery in 1949. She was to remain there for nearly 40 years. At first Plesters attended

Birkbeck College where, studying History of Art under the supervision of Nikolaus Pevsner, she built up the historical knowledge which was to form the basis of her later research. Meanwhile, in the laboratories of the National Gallery she refined and mastered techniques of microanalytical identification of pigments, pioneering the examination of minute fragments of paint sampled from the very edges of damaged areas. These barely visible crosssections of the paint structure



were embedded in cubes of synthetic transparent resin which could be subsequently ground down and polished so that the build-up of paint layers could be examined under the microscope.

So impressive became her expertise that she was consulted by conservators and historians all over the world. During the 1960s, when floods caused extensive damage in

Florence and Venice, she was invited to set up analytical laboratories in both these cities. For several months she worked on the restoration of the church of Madonna dell'Orto with its cycle of canvases by Tintoretto, and Venetian art became her especial love. She published several papers on Tintoretto and spoke at a symposium held in Venice in 1994 to mark the

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who first discovered that Ti-tian applied a thin layer of gesso over his canvas so that he could sketch on to it the outlines of figures which would later disappear as the paint soaked into the gesso ground. But it was not only in the field of Venetian art that she made her mark. She was the first person to discover that Rembrandt, in his later works, mixed fine glass particles into dark coloured paint. It was to prove vastly helpful to historians trying to differentiate between Rembrandt's early and late works, and between Rembrandt and his imitators.

Though small of stature, Joyce Piesters was possessed unflagging energy. She taught and lectured extensively and, with her tremendous visual memory, retained an almost encyclopaedic knowledge of picture collections all over the world, although her special affection was for the National Gallery.

In her free time she was an enthusiastic gardener, working in the grounds of her 18thcentury cottage near Lam-bourn. After her retirement in 1987 she moved to a village in Umbria where an English country garden was in the making on a previously un-tended hillside.

In 1959 Joyce Plesters married Norman Brommelle, who had been a restorer at the National Gallery when they met but, by the time of their marriage, had been appointed Keeper of Conservation at the Victoria and Albert Museum. He died in 1989. There were no children.

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CLYDEBANK, SEPT. 30

GEOFFREY STRICKLAND and Clermont-Ferrand and at Americal, to whom the origi-

Geoffrey Reginald Strickland, former University of Reading. died while swimming on holiday in Greece on September 13 aged 65. He was born on June 27, 1931.

ONE of the foremost Stendhal scholars in Britain, Geoffrey Strickland was an original thinker in the best sense of the term, and not for the sake of being different. His intellectual energy had once drawn the admiration of F. R. Leavis. never an easy man to wring praise from. Always something of a loner, he retired as Reader in French at Reading last spring. Strickland was an eloquent

critic, both on radio and in the press, of the Robbins report and the subsequent decline of higher education. He argued that making the funding of universities depend on the number of students enrolled a sensible idea on the face of it turned universities into

businesses where attracting students had higher priority than educating them. He cited Reading as an example, where the Russian Department was replaced by the less demanding and more popular Department of Russian Studies, which did not require the learning of the Russian language

Born in Aldershot, the son of a regular of the Royal Engineers, he studied at Farnborough Grammar School, won an open scholarship to Downing College, Cambridge, and went on to study at the Sorbonne. Later he taught at the universities of Grenoble, Lyons, Bordeaux Philothei, whom he had met in

the University of California.

cations include Selected Journalism from the English Reviews by Stendhal (1959); Stendhal: The Education of a Novelist (1976); and Structuralism or Criticism? Thoughts on how we read (1981).

He also contributed essays and studies to the Cambridge



Quarterly (of which he was one of the founding editors), Encounter, the TLS, the London Review of Books and other British, French and American journals. His last published work was a review of a new biography of Zola for the New York Times Book Review.

Writing for The Spectator in December 1992 about the shocking mistranslations in the New English Bible, he said that he tried to find time to read the New Testament in the original every day with the help of my linguistically better endowed half [his Greek wife

nal Greek is as familiar as the Just before leaving for Greece he finished his latest book, Poetry and Power, a study of 17th-century classicism in France. The autumn 1996 issue of

the Cambridge Quarterly, devoted to F. R. Leavis, will include two of the last essays Strickland wrote. He continued to use the post rather than the phone and kept up an extensive correspondence, writing in unusually legible longhand on the reverse side of photocopies of his latest reviews and articles.

Geoffrey Strickland was high-minded and generousminded, qualities that do not always go together. He was interested, as many literary men are not, in politics and public matters, and often to good effect.

In spite of — or rather because of - his love of France and Greece and his commitment to European culture and civilisation, he was opposed to the European Union, which he saw as a means of making the government more remote from the people, a divide-andrule structure which would destroy democracy by uniting the rulers, with their transla-tors at their side, and dividing the citizenry by language

barriers. He had admirers on both the Left and the Right: Michael Foot called him "One of the Happy Few. Before his death he was writing a report on possible reforms of the university system for his MP, John Redwood.

He leaves his widow Philothei and two sons.

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The QE2 left Southampton on April 22, 1969, on her maiden voyage to America four months late owing to technical problems. She is the last of the great transatiantic liners and now spends part of every year between that crossing and cruising.

blared incessantly and a relay of speakers from General de Gaulle downwards harangued the crowd for what seemed an eternity before the ship went

These things are done quietly here, but no less seriously. For all the picnic atmosphere, with the Queen (in turquoise blue), her husband and sister looking very much a holiday family. children waving paper flags in red, white and blue and the lion rampant, it

was a deeply moving occasion.

Elizabeth 2 is the last of a long line of great Cunarders born here, and that one day she will sail the high seas alone of her kind to prove it She was and is a compromise: an

attempt to provide in one ship for the express Atlantic service in summer and for sunshine cruising in winter. Like most compromises, she may turn out to be less satisfactory for either role than ships built specifically for each.

For no one doubts that the Queen

Of the two roles - cruising and the Atlantic - there is no doubt which is more important for the future, although Cunard did not think so when they planned the new ship. Cruising is undoubtedly destined to be a growth business. The only question is: can she compete financially with her formidable capital and running costs?

The Atlantic is far more doubtful. With supersonic jets on the way it will take all the skill of the shipping men to make their voyages glamorous enough to make people spend four or five days crossing by sea . . .

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Runaway bishop scandal deepens

#THE scandal of Roderick Wright, the runaway bishop, deepened last night as church leaders condemned his betrayal and demanded that he come forward and confess. Cardinal Thomas Winning, head of Scotland's Roman Catholics, said that he felt doubly abandoned by the disclosure that Mr Wright had a 15-year-old son by another woman.

Stage folk deplore 'racist' luvvie

Trevor Nunn, the director, has declared war on the word "luvvie", saying that it is as appalling and abhorrent as any racist word. "It's a word that says you are hysterical, trivial, under-educated, self-indulgent, absolutely regardless of your background, education, lifestyle or manner.".....

Beef ban 'longterm'

The European ban on the export of British beef will not be lifted for the forseeable future, Franz Fischler, the EU Farm Commissioner, said yesterday Page 2

"I stili love bishop" The woman who kept a 15-year

secret that a Roman Catholic bishop was the father of her son said she still loved him.... Page 3 Toxic shock death

A woman who had her breasts

enlarged died 14 years later of

toxic shock syndrome after surgery to correct the implantsPage 5

School heads quit The head and deputy head of a London inner-city school have re-

signed after a campaign of abuse and lies from parents Page 7 Footbail suicide

The chairman of Macclesfield Town Football Club has killed himself after guiding the team through its finest era Page 9

Goose control

A fresh blitz on the Canada goose is expected after research showing they can be controlled by spraying paraffin on to eggs........... Page 10

Papal primacy plea

An Anglican vicar about to be consecrated a bishop has called for the Pope to be given primacy over the Archbishop of Canterbury and the monarch......Page il

War crimes fear

The Hague war crimes tribunal may be fatally undermined unless the West takes swift steps to arrest Bosnian Serb suspects......Page 15

In deep trouble

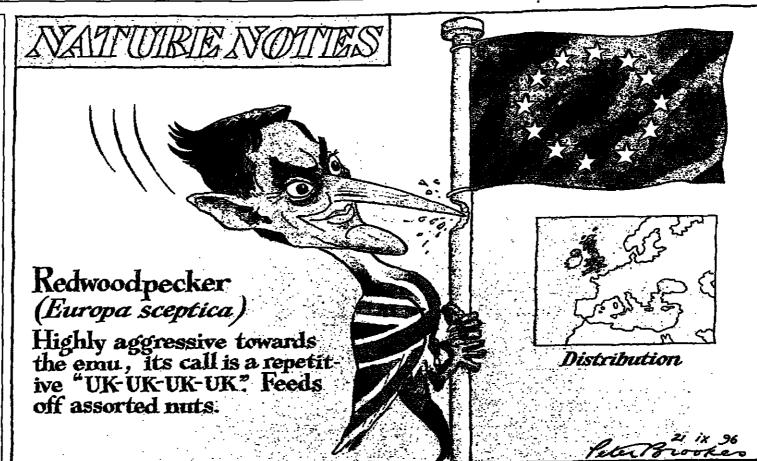
North Korean infiltrators from a stranded submarine were last night trapped in disused mine-

Dole plays dirty

Bob Dole yesterday launched his most personal attack yet on President Clinton.

Koala vasectomy plan 'doomed to fail'

Australian wildlife experts yesterday condemned government plans to give vasectomies and hormone implants to the country's expanding koala population, saying that the project was doomed to failure because of the promiscuity of the creatures Page 17



OPINION

The World to Rome: through his relentless willingness to travel, John Paul II has accentuated the presence of the new church membership; but the influence of that membership will have to be addressed by his successor Page 23 Born to be Wild: the Liberal Democrats are the Evel Knievels of British

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in its name.

General Ernesto Geisel, President of Brazil: Graham Law, architect; Geoffrey Strickland, scholar of Stendhal ... Page 25

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Llovds TSB: the bank is to buy out the minority shareholding in Lloyds Abbey Life. .. Page 27 Boots: the chemist has acquired Laboratoires Lutsia, a

French skincare specialist, for FFr920 million Page 27 Chrysalis: Sir David Puttnam is to resign from the media group's board amid boardroom rows Page 27 Markets: the FTSE 100 fell 10.2 to 3964.1. The sterling

index rose to 86.1 from 85.9

after the pound rose .40 cents to \$1,5550 and .76 pfennigs to

ers has appointed Bruce Rioch assistant manager to Stewart Houston..... Page 52 CM 96

Football: Queens Park Rang-

The model that made Rolls-Royce is being restored to original condition.

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Perils of fame; "You know Golf: Europe fought back on the story about the dark the first day of the Solheim side of fame," Richard Cup to finish 5-3 down against the USPage 52 Morrison writes. "Temptations, excesses, tan-Cricket: Leicestershire trums, addictions. Just an secured maximum bonus points against Middlesex to average morning in the Vatican, really" ... Page 19 close in on the county championship...... Page 51 Butterfly grounded:

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Tomorrow: The Legacy of Reginald Perrin, comedy series. BBCI 8.30pm Friday: Rory Bremner ... Who Else? Ch4, 10.30pm

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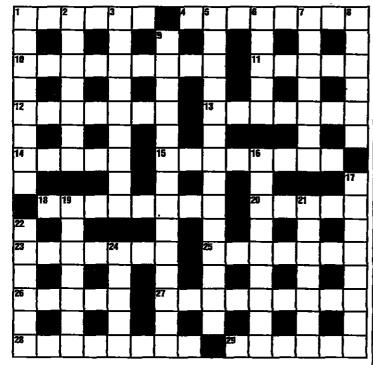
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ACROSS I Find me book in modest cover

- 4 First couple of planes caught by King Kong in New York? (3.5).
- 10 Epicure takes exam in European city ahead of time (3.6).
- Religious leader whose staff worked wonders (5).
- 13 Race of early ship-builders (3.4).
- 14 Demoralise a would-be peacemaker (5). 15 Military activity - duty's to guard monarch (8).
- 18 With oils, a man contrived to show this beauty (4.4).
- 20 Finish off cosmetic treatment in part of car (5).
- 23 Bobby promises to pay in full (?). 25 Girl getting involved with men is
- a troublemaker (7). 3 26 Drink caught up with the old man
- 27 Opposing legal authority in battle
- 28 Hum, being without skills in unaccompanied singing (4-1).
 29 Steam yacht goes round ocean. returning in fleet (6).
- Solution to Puzzle No 20,273

1 Copper one degree in error – he does his best! (3.5).

2 There's nothing under this short garment, mother (7).

5 Interested by pub profits, too

6 A small part of journey with

7 Amended page with phrase, pos-

8 Oscar nomination for important

9 Visionary projects found the French over the border? (7,2,5).

16 Compare edges of iron coin found in a bit of China? (6-3).

17 Work done by Lewis, always

19 Performing daily, in theory at any

21 Ultimately entering correct way of

22 In space, circling over polar

Solution to Puzzle No 20,278

offering key support (8).

Metal ship (9).

expedition (5).

dramatic role (6).

(4.3,7).

sibly (7).

rate (2.5).

region (3-3).

24 Authorises work ing the odds (5).

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

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Sum sets: 6 59 pm

Sun rises: 6 47 am Full moon September 27 London 6 59 pm to 6 49 pm Bristol 7 08 pm to 6 58 am Edinburgh 7 11 pm to 7 00 am Manchester 7 07 pm to 6 57 om Penzance 7 20 pm to 7 10 am

HIGHEST & LOWEST

FORECAST

DM2.3557 ..

General: England and Wales will be rather cloudy in the east and south. There will be showers in northeast England, perhaps heavier for a time. Some heavier showers may also affect the south coast but these should ease away later. Elsewhere, bright at times and mostly dry. In Scotland and Northern Ireland

there will be a lot of cloud in the north and west but with good bright or sunny intervals. Elsewhere mostly cloudy with showers, some heavy showers in southern Scotland. Misty in the far north.

☐ London, SE, Cent S, SW England, E Anglia, Midlands, Channel Isles, S Wales: Rather cloudy, patchy drizzle, then brightening from north. Showers in south heavier for a time. Winds moderate northeast. Cold. Max 16C (61F).

E England, NE England, Bor-

Edinburgh Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central High-lands: Mostly cloud, some bright intervals. Showers, some heavy. Winds moderate or fresh east or northeast. Cold. Max 14C to 16C (57F

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Li N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isse of Man, Central N England, SW Scotland, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Ireland: Bright, some Supply interests. sunny intervals, mostly dry. Winds moderate northeast or east. Fine. Max 16C to 18C (61F to 64F).

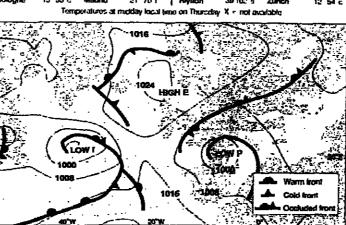
Orkney, Shetland: Dull, patchy mist or drizzle. Winds light east or northeast. Cold. Max 11C to 13C (52F

Outlook: Most places becoming settled and dry, but cloudy in the east

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